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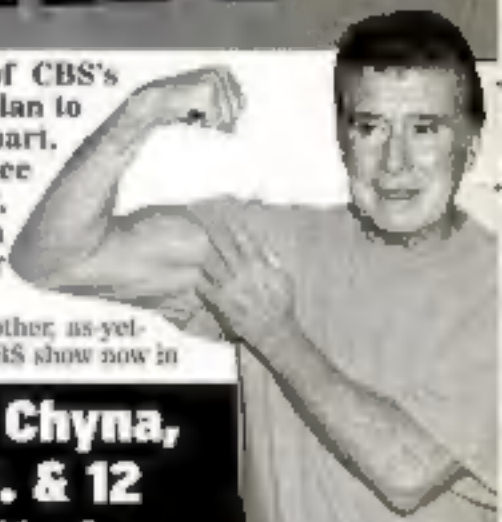
New 'Survivor' rip-off:

CELEBRITY

SLIM CHANCE! Bony Ally McBeal star Calista Flockhart may be one tough cookie — but she doesn't have much meat on her bones.

HOLLYWOOD — In a blatant rip-off of CBS's blockbuster *Survivor* series, TV executives plan to abandon O.J. Simpson, Calista Flockhart, Howard Stern, Regis Philbin, Kathie Lee Gifford, Gary Coleman, Tonya Harding, Chyna and nine other colorful celebrities on a deserted island — and let them battle it out for $10 million in cash!



The new series is being plotted by big shots at another, as-yet-unnamed network to capitalize on the popularity of the CBS show now in its second season.

Howard, Regis, Chyna, Kathie Lee, O.J. & 12 other stars battle for $10,000,000!

"This is destined to become the most watched program in television history," one TV mogul told an Internet reporter.

"All the elements are there. Suspense, competition, danger, drama — and some of the most intriguing public figures of all time.

"I mean, who wouldn't want to see O.J. Simpson, Chyna and Howard Stern battling for their lives against hungry crocodiles or Calista and Gary Coleman in hand-to-hand combat?"

Internet sources are quick to point out that none of the stars has formally signed to take part in the competition.

"This is our 'wish list,'" said a network bigwig. "But we feel certain that most — or maybe all — of these celebrities will jump to feel first once we present them with all the details.

"Someone has even suggested that we could bring Teddy Kennedy into the fold if we can catch him when he's drunk enough," the executive said half-jokingly.

Producers plan to film the blockbuster show on a treacherous, uninhabited island near Madagascar in the Indian Ocean.

"Besides the standard *Survivor*-style challenges set

WE'RE BETTING ON O.J. TO WIN! *And why not? As a former professional football player, he's hardy-tough.*

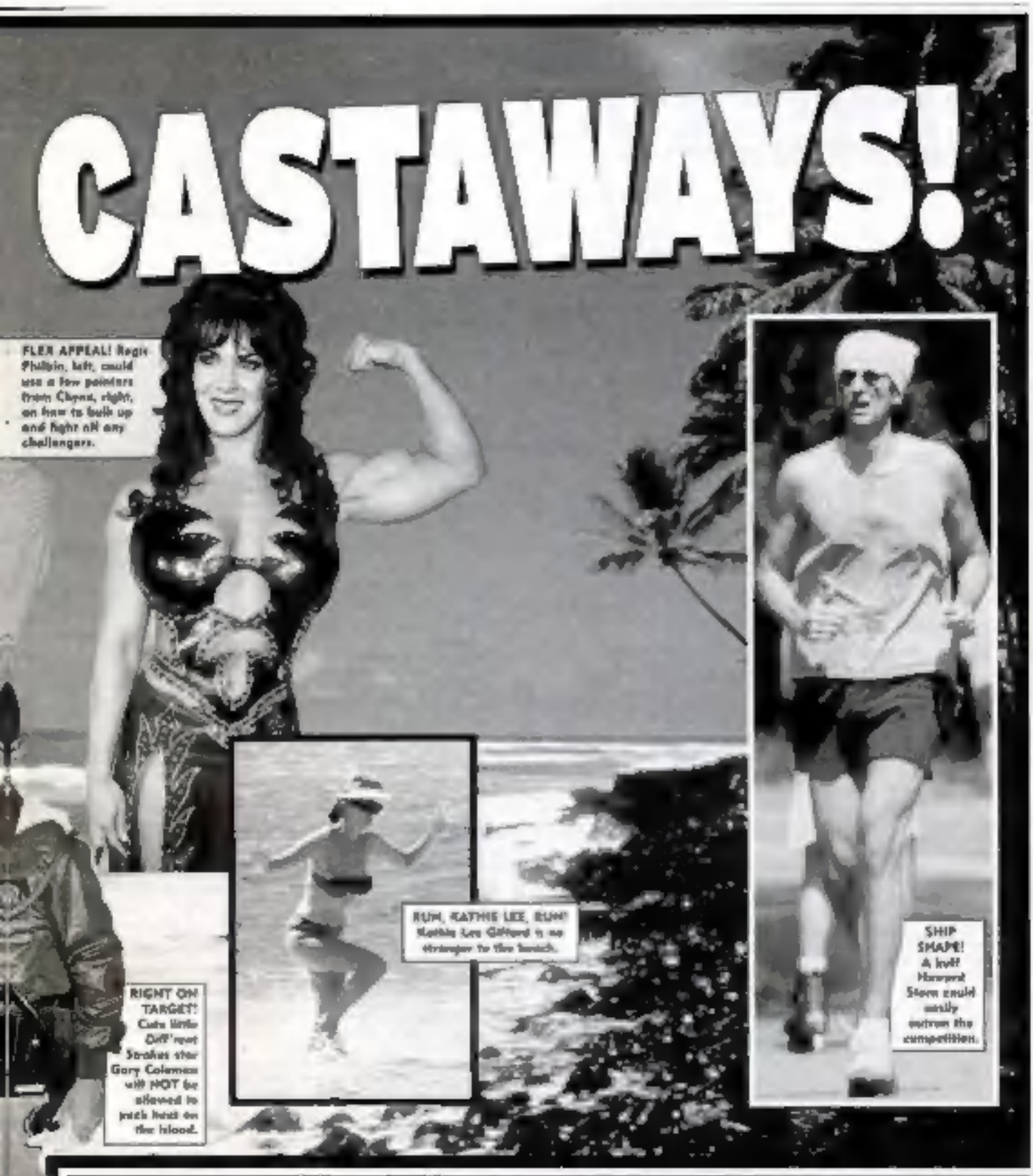
rains, exotic diseases, poisonous snakes, very dangerous wild animals and mosquitoes as big as robins," one Internet source said.

"The winner will receive ten million, which he or she can either keep or give to charity. But when this is all over, no one on Earth will blame him for keeping the money — because believe me, he'll have earned it."

GOOD SPORT. *Erich-class Friends* cutie Courteney Cox Arquette would make a great castaway.

ICE QUEEN! Tonya Harding would seem to be out of her

CASTAWAYS!



FLEX APPEAL! Regis Philbin, left, could use a few pointers from Cheyne, right, on how to bulk up and fight off any challengers.

RUN, KATHIE LEE, RUN! Kathie Lee Gifford is no stranger to the beach.

RIGHT ON TARGET! Cute little Diff'rent Strokes star Gary Coleman will NOT be allowed to pack heat on the island.

SHIP SHAPE! A buff Harvest Stern could easily outrun the competition.

At last, the mystery is solved!

GENIES ARE SPACE ALIENS

Say Arab scientists

By GEORGE SANFORD/Weekly World News

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia — A startling new theory may at last explain the amazing power of genies: They're space aliens!

The controversial theory was proposed at an international conference of the Arab Association of Research Scientists held here in early December.

"According to the old legends, genies had the power to fly, transform matter, travel through time and perform many other 'miracles,' including healing incurable medical conditions," says archaeology Professor Omar El-Ezabi, who stunned fellow scientists with the claim.

"Such feats would be a simple matter for visitors from space."

For years, experts have believed that genies were not merely the stuff of fairy tales such as *Aladdin's Lamp*. Stories of their exploits are so universal in North Africa and the Middle East, historians say, that they probably have some basis in fact.

"Some historians have suggested that genies, or 'jinn' as they were once known, might have been members of a human civilization that was so advanced, their technology confounded their neighbors," says Prof. El-Ezabi.

"But I found that idea rather far-fetched. The things that genies do in the tales, such as making objects materialize out of thin air, are simply far too sophisticated to be the work of humans.

"That's when it occurred to me that they might be extraterrestrials."

Prof. El-Ezabi has unearthed remarkable evidence that supports the genies-from-space theory.

Poring through the earliest known illustrations of genies, he was astounded by how much they resemble the classic "gray-type" aliens often described by modern-day UFO abductees.

MAGIC MAN? Space aliens are reported to have genie-like powers.

"They are depicted with tremendous heads and small, slender bodies," the expert reveals.

But the clincher was his rediscovery of a genie bottle that had been buried in the basement of a museum in Baghdad for decades.

"When one looks at this bottle, one is immediately struck by the fact that it is not ornate as one might expect, but sleek and futuristic-looking, like something out of *Star Trek*," said Prof. El-Ezabi. "It is also made from a metal alloy we cannot identify."

He said that how the bottle works is unclear, but he is now attempting to determine whether it is some kind of high-tech teleportation device.

"This might explain how genies could be 'summoned' and appear in a flash of smoke, when someone manipulates the device in a particular way," explained the archaeologist.

If genies truly were space aliens, they may have played a big role in our history.

Prof. El-Ezabi notes that the first place where tales about them arose — around Mesopotamia and the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers — is considered by the vast majority of historians to have been the birthplace of human civilization.

OUT OF THE BOTTLE. Some experts believe genies come from outer space.

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Golden-haired lovely Tane McClure is no stranger to the camera. You've seen this breathtaking 36-24-36 beauty in 15 movies and five TV shows, including *The Tonight Show* and the popular soap *Days of Our Lives*. And her hobbies? She loves

Man has macadamia nut in his nose for six years!

SYDNEY, Australia — "I've had a macadamia nut in my nose for six years — and I'll never take it out," says Tom Hunlaki.

The 32-year-old welder suffered a bout of food poisoning and needed to have his stomach pumped — but when doctors tried to insert a tube in his right nostril it was blocked by the nut.

"They wanted to take the nut out, but I told them no. So they used the left nostril."

When asked how the nut got in his nose in the first place — and why leave it there — Tom said, "No comment."

Oddly enough, in 1988 doctors in Toledo, Ohio, removed an almond from a woman's nose. The nut had been there for 11 years.

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Even top scientists can't explain the carnage . . .

LOCH NESS MONSTER SINKS 4 BOATS

WORLD'S MONSTERS ARE OUT OF CONTROL!

NIGHTMARE FROM THE DEEP. Loch Ness monster rams ship in

BIGFOOT ATTACKS UP 300 PERCENT!

WHEELING, W.Va. — The world's monsters are running amok, warns a top researcher who makes his living tracking the activity of mysterious creatures!

"The number of reported sightings and the level of aggression seen in creatures such as Bigfoot has reached an unprecedented new height," says Dr. Leon Raval, a specialist in cryptozoology, the study of as-yet-undiscovered species. "We are seeing unprovoked attacks on campers, destruction of private property, theft and assaults on pets like never before."

By MIKE FOSTER
Weekly World News

From his West Virginia lab, Dr. Raval has been keeping a record of sightings of mystery animals since 1977 and his computer-generated charts show rates have skyrocketed since January 2000.

While he can't explain the crisis, he says it could be connected to increased solar-flare activity.

"In the 1700s, scientists thought sunspots affected the behavior of sea serpents and other monsters," he points out. "This past year we've had the most intense solar storms on record."

Dr. Raval has submitted his findings to the FBI, CIA, the National Forest Service and other federal agencies, and says the government is quietly putting together a joint task force to confront what he calls an "epidemic." Federal officials refuse to either confirm or deny this.

Here, from the report, is a roundup of disturbing developments from around the world:

BIGFOOT ATTACKS UP 300 PERCENT — The normally shy, elusive, ape-like beast is rarely seen and the number of assaults on campers usually averages just nine per year.

But over the past year, 27 people — three times the norm — have reported being chased or bitten by the creature. In one chilling case in Washington state, a Bigfoot actually killed and ate a father of two.

CHUPACABRAS THREATEN PETS — In the past, the dreaded vampire predator of Puerto Rico was best known for sucking the blood of goats. But in recent months it has turned its attention to household pets and has reportedly killed an estimated 4,500 innocent dogs and cats since last July. By contrast, in all of 1999, only six pet deaths were attributed to the Chupacabras.

LAKE NESS MONSTER GOES PUBLIC — After tearing through a net and escaping from zoologists who had captured her last year, the giant dinosaur-like behemoth has sunk four boats, most recently a research vessel in early January. The creature has also been seen on land for the first time in centuries and reportedly tried to trample a group of French tourists.

BIGFOOT STRIKES UP 300 PERCENT — The victims, hunted specimen — seen only once or twice in a decade up until now — has carried off at least 11 children in the past year. Authorities believe the tragic tots were probably eaten alive.

ALIEN BAD GIRLS — The scaley mystery sees killed for the first time a few weeks ago, breaking into the home of a South Carolina woman and clubbing her to death, authorities say.

BIGFOOT ATTACKS UP 300 PERCENT — Florida's notorious skunk ape has been spotted 254 times over the last year — up from a mere of just 14 sightings annually. The small, monkey-like creature was seen raiding garbage bins, vandalizing cars and engaging in other malicious mischief.

CHAMP'S LAKE MONSTER ATTACKS TOURIST — The long-necked sea monster is back with a vengeance. Chinese troops reportedly battled the 60-foot monster for 20 minutes when it attacked a barge crossing the lake in which it lives. Eleven soldiers were injured in the encounter.

BIGFOOT ATTACKS UP 300 PERCENT — Rarely seen since a rash of sightings in West Virginia back in the 1970s, the mysterious winged man has taken to the air again in at least six states beginning last October. He reportedly hexed a Maryland church on Christmas day, terrorizing the parishioners and pelting them with stones as they left the building.

HALF-HUMAN, HALF-MAN CREATURE ON THE RISE — The grotesque reptilian creature discovered by Florida scientists has launched a killing spree, wildlife officials fear. Nine visitors to the Everglades have vanished in the area where the mutant beast is believed to live.

LAKE CHAMPLAIN MONSTER — A smaller version of Nessie, this creature normally keeps a low profile in its home in Lake Champlain on the New York-Vermont border. But in the past year, there have been 200 sightings of "Champ" — up from just five or six in a normal year.

BIGFOOT ATTACKS UP 300 PERCENT — The legendary brontosaurus-like creature believed to inhabit the Congo has made 15 appearances since October. Most recently, in mid-January, it charged through a village, mowing down houses. The rampage left 86 people dead and dozens homeless.

RED JERSEY DEVIL TERRORIZES MOTORISTS — Almost unheard from since the 1900s, in the past few weeks the fierce, glowing-eyed creature has pursued dozens of cars driving through the Garden State. In one frightening case, it lured a female motorist off the road and mauled her so badly she required 72 stitches.

CREATURE FROM THE DEEP: Lizard-like monster emerges from the sea.

GEORGIA SWAMP MONSTER KILLS KIDS!

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say that in the past month, packs of 20 or more of the furry, white-haired beast-men have been seen marching through the Himalayan Mountains — carrying mid-shaped spears and other weapons.

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GIANT TURTLE ON THE LOOSE — The huge turtle, not seen for years, has been on the move again. It reportedly knocked down 18 garages and destroyed the cars inside.

NEW YORK CITY SEWERS INFESTED — Since the late 1980s, when visitors to Florida routinely brought home "cute" baby alligators and flushed them down the toilet, legend has had it that New York's sewers are populated by 12-foot gators that feast on human rats. In the last two months, it has become apparent that the situation has gotten worse. The half-eaten bodies of at least seven homeless people who lived in the sewers beneath the city have been discovered floating in the toxic water — and sewer workers have reported seeing strange

NEW JERSEY DEVIL TERRORIZES ROADWAYS!

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BIBLE

WASHINGTON — Mathematicians at the National Security Agency, the biggest spy network on Earth, have reportedly cracked "the end of the world code" imbedded in the first five books of the Bible, the Jewish Torah. And President Bush is declaring privately that discovery of the code "proves the existence of God."

By NICK NEL
Weekly World News

But the U.S. and Israeli governments are desperate to suppress the story because the code reveals specific dates of the so-called "End Of Days" — Armageddon — the biblically prophesied final battle between good and evil.

"The governments want to avoid panic. They're afraid when the public realizes the world is ending, people will quit their jobs, run wild in the streets and scatter into the hills," says respected Jerusalem Rabbi Elijah Solomon, unofficial spokesman for the Shin Bet, Israel's version of the CIA. He's named after an 18th-century relative, a Lithuanian rabbi, revered as one of the greatest figures in Jewish history, who made this startling claim hinting at a Bible code in one of his many brilliant books: "All that was, is, and will be unto the end of time is included in the Torah . . . and not merely in a general sense, but including the details of every person individually and the most minute details of everything that happened to him from the day of his birth until his death . . ."

Journalist Michael Drosnin, formerly with the Washington *Post* and Wall Street Journal and author of the best-seller *The Bible Code*, says, "I can state with certainty — there is a code in the Bible, and it has foretold events that happened exactly as predicted."

Tradition holds that in 1200 B.C., on top of Mount Sinai, Moses heard the voice of God. And God gave him the first five books — in a precise letter-by-letter sequence.

Weekly World News has learned it's in this sequence that NSA discovered embedded information pertaining to our modern day.

"It's no accident NSA employs more mathematicians than the top 10 universities. Mathematicians make the best code breakers," says Rabbi Solomon, an MIT trained physicist.

In order to crack the unbelievably complex Bible code, which has challenged NSA and Shin Bet since the mid-1980s, mathematicians used a classified, newly developed machine called a "quantum computer."

SEARCHING FOR THE TRUTH. Mathematicians and

"ON SEVENS." Jesus Christ will return to Earth on the 7th minute of the 7th hour of the 7th day of the 7th month, according to the Bible code.

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THE GOVERNMENT DOESN'T WANT YOU TO READ!

BETWEEN THE LINES. This book is just one of several written about attempts by researchers looking for a code in the Hebrew letters of the Old Testament.

that thinks thousands of times faster than the most powerful Cray supercomputers.

Here, in *Weekly World News* exclusively, are some of the prophecies the government deciphered and decided are too frightening for the public:

✚ Terrorists financed by Iraq and led by blood-thirsty Osama bin Laden will unleash a virus in the U.S. that kills 1 million Americans by the end of this year.

✚ The "End Of Days" actually began with two events that made world headlines in the Hebrew year 5756, corresponding to 1995. The Bible code reveals the actual name of Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh — along with the April 19 date he blew up the Murrah Federal Building — and Israeli leader Yitzhak Rabin, with the November 4 date of his assassination.

✚ The Anti-Christ cited so prominently in the New Testament — but called in the Torah "evil incarnate" — lives in the U.S. and heads a banking and media empire. His name is spelled out in the code, and he's kept under constant surveillance by Shin Bet and NSA.

✚ By late in the Hebrew year corresponding to 2008, at least 200 million U.S. citizens will be brainwashed by propaganda and mentally stamped with the biblical "Mark of

SATAN'S SAGE. Osama bin Laden, an international fugitive, is said to be the world's No. 1 terrorist.

and associated with the number 666. These victims are in addition to 200,000 children worldwide who already are being turned on to violence and mentally warped every day by Satan-inspired video games.

✚ The video-demented children will "conspire" into a satanic army that will burn virtually every synagogue and church to the ground by late 2006.

✚ Armageddon, the final decisive battle, begins in 2006 when Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein orders the detonation of hydrogen bombs hidden in suitcases planted in London, Washington, and Tel Aviv.

be "caught up" and saved in the Rapture when the Messiah — the New Testament Jesus — suddenly appears in simultaneously in Jerusalem, Baghdad, Washington, Moscow and every other capital city in the world, on the 7th minute of the 7th hour of the 7th day of the 7th month of the Hebrew year corresponding to 2007, Holy Land time.

✚ According to the Bible code, six "signs" usher in the end of the world. And they've already come to pass or are now upon us. They are: The fall of the Soviet Empire; global extremes of heat and cold; a sudden rise in volcanic activity and earthquakes; the spread of AIDS; outbreaks of regional wars; genocide; and the intensification of terrorism, and a lunar eclipse that turns the face of the moon red.

Says Rabbi Solomon: "The only way to save yourselves is to turn to God. And whether you are Jewish or Christian — no matter your religion — there is only one God to turn to."

The day, hour & minute Jesus will return to Earth

WASHINGTON — Jesus Christ returns to Earth "on sevens" this July.

That's the startling conclusion of scholars studying a newly unearthed scroll containing parts of the Book of Revelation. But Christ may not remain.

The precise instant of The Savior's return is set for the 7th minute of the 7th hour of the 7th day of the 7th month, according to the damaged scroll.

"Our interpretation is that Jesus appears almost instantly to everyone on those sevens lunars, regardless of time zone," reports Professor Philippe Garoche, head of a team studying the ancient document in Athens, Greece.

Other Bible authorities, who have yet to see the scroll, urge caution.

Prof. Garoche said, "The scroll is incomplete, with entire passages missing.

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THE FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH CAN BE YOURS

(Special report) "The recent discovery of a new natural protein enzyme may turn into a major breakthrough in health and aging", declared a research director at the National Institute of Aging, a branch of the U.S. Government's National Institute of Health. "It's a very exciting finding and it certainly looks strongly as if this enzyme is going to play an important role in extending aging and promoting a long life" he said.

The new enzyme has a double action. One, it can help people "look up" to 15 years younger by smoothing out wrinkles and firming up skin. Two, it boosts the energy supply and slows down the aging process, so you can not just live a longer but also a healthier life. And to top it off, it's perfectly safe and has no side effects, say doctors and scientists say.

According to a New York leading gerontologist and nutrition specialist, "If you take people in their 40's look like they're in their 20's, while people in their 60's may look like they're 50 or 40."

An Atlanta physician and former director of physical health services for the Georgia Regional Hospital, reports that he has tested the enzyme on dozens of patients and "it worked miracles!"

A doctor of Osteopathy, founder of the International Academy of Preventive Medicine, said: "I have used it on over 1,000 patients. Within weeks people begin to feel healthier and stronger. Within one to three months the wrinkles and lines in their faces begin to disappear and they actually start looking younger. Their skin has a better color and their bodies become supple and more youthful. It is very definitely an anti-aging substance that slows down degenerative diseases."

Scientists believe the enzyme is an ideal weapon against senility and experts reveal that everyone over taking the enzyme at an earlier age is to prevent the future ravages of aging, and to benefit from the enzyme's successful arthritis properties.

An organic chemist and world authority on nutrition probably best sums up what the new substance can do for you as saying, "It's a miracle compound. You can literally turn back the hands of time with this new discovery!"

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Meet the Human Thermometer!

By GEORGE SANFORD/Weekly [redacted]

HOW COLD IS IT? According to Connie Nestrum's miracle finger, it's a chilly 68 degrees in Los Angeles.

She can tell exact temperature indoors or out — with a wet finger!

LOS ANGELES — Amazing Human Thermometer Connie Nestrum has confounded scientists the world over because she can tell the precise temperature at any moment, just by putting her finger to the air!

University researchers tested the 28-year-old music teacher in a lab and learned that her "guesstimates" of the temperature are unusually accurate.

"We found that in 100 trials in a controlled laboratory setting, Miss Nestrum correctly stated the temperature we had set the room to 100 percent of the time, within one-tenth of a degree Fahrenheit," said Dr. Akira Fukunaga of the University of Osaka, who participated in the study with scientists from three American colleges.

"That is a more accurate reading than an ordinary household thermometer would give you."

Miss Nestrum has no idea where she gets her remarkable power but says her late father, an Iowa farmer, was also very good at guessing temperatures and predicting weather.

She first recognized her own gift soon after finishing her junior year of high school.

"My boyfriend was a lifeguard that summer and there was a thermometer up on the station," she recalls. One time, he called down to me and said, 'You'll never guess how hot it is.'

"I wet my finger and put it to the air and said, 'all degrees!' Sure enough, I was exactly right. He was really taken aback. The next day, he tested me again and I was right again.

"Every day for the rest of the summer he tested me and I was never wrong."

Since then, Miss Nestrum has amused pals with her unique talent, by stating the exact temperature in the room at house parties as guests adjust the air-conditioning and heater.

One year, while she was working as a hospital volunteer, Miss Nestrum wowed nurses by taking patients' temperatures without using a thermometer: just touching them.

"At first, they didn't want to depend on me, but then they started to realize I was as accurate," she said.

"I could always tell if a patient had a fever-or-whatever. It saved the nurses a lot of time."

Scientists say that party games and the like don't do justice to Miss Nestrum's ability.

"We don't know how Miss Nestrum does what she does, but she is obviously calling upon an area of the brain most people never use," said Dr.

Champagne saves couple from fire!

LONDON — A [redacted] million mansion was saved from burning when exploding champagne bottles not only woke up the occupants but doused some of the flames.

"It seems the champagne acted as a cooling shower and prevented further fires," said a fire department spokesman.

And [redacted] Gale of the house in Sevenoaks, southeast of here, opened the refrigerator he found with flames

Fascinating facts about our friend, THE SUN!

ROCA RATON, Fla. — You owe your life to the sun, but how much do you really know about this vital star?

Here are some fascinating facts about the sun provided by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration:

■ The sun produces enough energy — in a single second — to supply all of America's power needs at the current usage rate, for the next 5 million years.

■ If the sun [illegible] its energy today, the effects wouldn't be felt on Earth for some 50 million years.

That's because the sun is so huge and its core so dense that it takes about that long for new energy produced at the center to circulate to the surface.

■ Intense solar flares release very high-energy particles — and this radiation can be as harmful to humans as radiation from nuclear blasts. Earth's atmosphere protects us on the ground, but astronauts in space are at risk.

■ In 1989 a severe solar [illegible] pulse struck Earth and completely knocked out the Canadian as well as part of the North American, electrical grid, leaving more than 6 million people without power for days.

■ This October 1989 solar storm produced radiation of such intensity it would have killed an astronaut on the moon, wearing only a space suit and caught in the brunt of [illegible] storm.

■ That same storm [illegible] caused the coils in a transformer station in Salem, N.J., to melt and catch fire, causing a regional blackout.

■ Explosions on the sun eject X-rays. These "sunspot" explosions are called solar flares, and a single "mega flare" explodes with the energy of at least a million 100 megaton hydrogen bombs.

■ In the biggest and rarest solar storms, classified as "S 3," passengers in high-flying commercial airp[illegible] would get a dose of harmful radiation equivalent to 100 chest X-rays.

■ Electromagnetic energy from the sun can send huge waves of electrical energy surging along power lines, shorting circuits and burning out equipment.

■ Currently the sun is in a peak cycle for solar storms. "The explosion in technology is intersecting with an extremely disturbed space environment.

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Ask Christie

Q I heard Russian tennis star Anna Kournikova threw a fit while filming a commercial in Miami. Know anything about that?
— Daniel T., Boston

CUTE! Anna Kournikova.

A Yep. The 18-year-old cutie stormed off the set when filmmakers asked her to slip into a sexy white tank top and tight shorts. And on the way out, she delivered a parting shot at Chasie Owens, her 24-year-old stand-in, yelling: "I don't want my body to be portrayed by that skinny bitch." Chasie, a dead-ringer Kournikova look-alike, said later: "[illegible] so hurtful."

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SINGER Kevin Costner.

Q There's a rumor Kevin Costner is about to tie the knot. Say it isn't so.
— Sharon K., Eugene, Oreg.

A Sorry, Sharon, it may well be true. Sources recently spotted the 43-year-old *Field of Dreams* star with 24-year-old sweetie Christine Baumgartner checking out rings at Christopher Walling, the super-ritzy Aspen, Colo.-based jeweler to the stars. Friends say Costner's totally smitten with the equestrian, and there are even reports that his school-age children want him to marry the lady. The *New York Post* reports Costner's spokesman says he and Christine were shopping at the store but denied they were looking for rings.

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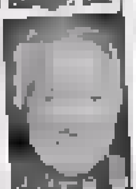
Q My friend told me he'd read a touching story about Jack Palance and a crying baby in a restaurant. I've been looking for it on the Internet and can't find it. Can you tell me what happened?
— Louise M., Baton Rouge, La.



PALPABLE Jack Palance.

A Sure thing. Jack was in a Hollywood Starbucks when a wailing baby disrupted the peace, causing the tough-guy actor to jump up from his chair. Other customers held their collective breath, figuring craggy-faced Jack might be steamed. But instead of causing a ruckus, the *City Slickers* star walked over to the teething baby's mom, asked permission to pick him up and proceeded to bounce the tyke on his knee. The kid was soon cooing away and

007 IS ALL

Meet the new James Bond

Here's news that's bound to leave 007 fans shaken if not stirred: Producers of the hit flicks could name red-blooded American Matthew Perry their next James Bond!

And some Brits have worked themselves into a tizzy just thinking about it.

"It would be an outrage to even dream of casting a Yank as Bond," wailed the British director of the James Bond International Fan Club. "It would be the kiss of death for the 007 films."

But movie moguls are convinced the dashing [illegible] would fit right in after superspy actor [illegible] Pierce Brosnan [illegible] his license to kill.

They figure Massachusetts-born Matt would give Ian Fleming's slick-talking secret agent a new, more streetwise look.

SPIES LIKE US! Friend Matt Perry, above, says replacing Pierce Brosnan, left, as James Bond would be hunky-dory.

And Perry's been telling pals that playing Bond would be hunky-dory with him.

Brosnan, who's become the most beloved Bond since Sean Connery, is reportedly ready to lay down his trusty Walther for good after he saves the empire one more time in the 20th Bond film. Beyond the ... which is scheduled for release next year.

Bigwigs at Eon Productions insist, however, that they haven't decided who might be next in the long line of Bonds.

"There is nothing official yet to say he - Brosnan - is definitely leaving after the next film, and we wouldn't even think about announcing a replacement until we've got that out of the way," they said in a carefully worded statement.

HOT STUFF! Provocative New York City billboard posters showing supermodel Claudia Schiffer in her bra and panties are being stolen from all over town and showing up for sale on the Internet. Her spokesman ...

Poor Hugh Grant says sexy Liz Hurley dumped him after 13 years together because he's just too danged dull to suit her taste.

"Basically, my life is so boring, it's embarrassing," said of the star of *Four Weddings and a Funeral*. "I'd love to be a jet-setter flying off to parties in New York and Monte Carlo. Obviously, I was simply too dull for Liz."

Despite rumors that the romance between rapper Puff Daddy and his honeybun Jennifer

Ghost of rassler Owen Hart squashes WWF brat Stephanie McMahon!

AMERICAN!

John Travolta

Jennifer Lopez

Jumping Jersey! That, at least, seems to be the message concealed in the camisole his Daddy made on TV during his much publicized trial on gun charges.

"Jennifer she's been a straight shiller, you know, as far as she's just been a strong woman," Puffy explained. "She's just been, you know, like a rock. You know. She's been there and totally supportive. And you know, I definitely, she's definitely been a help and you know, I don't know, I'd probably definitely have been bisexual if you know, she wasn't there by my side through that."

Former Sweating John Travolta proved as selfobsessed as they come when he spotted a young woman sobbing outside the L.A. International Airport terminal.

The actor stopped to ask what was wrong and discovered that the poor thing was all upset because her 3,000 mile flight home to Boston had been canceled.

Travolta didn't hesitate. His private jet was gassed up and ready to whisk her and her family to Maine so he offered the grateful lady a ride dropping her off in Boston along the way.

"Now comes the toughest part of the woman's adventure — convincing her family and friends that she really did fly to Bean Town on John Travolta's private jet.

Delightful Lily Tomlin has finally fessed up. Yes, she admits she is a lesbian.

Now 61 years old and riding high with the Broadway revival of her blockbuster one-woman show *The Search for Signs of Intelligent Life in the Universe*, a confident Lily has told *US Weekly* about her 30-year live-in relationship with the show's writer Jane Wagner.

"I don't like to talk about my private life in any detail, but I didn't disavow my private life," said the former *Laugh In* star.

"I don't want to become someone's poster girl, either. And you know that's what's been somewhat difficult in terms of the movement."

A frantic Lisa Marie Presley is so desperate to get a hot CD recorded that she's pulling out all the stops. Ever since she was married to Michael Jackson, Elvis's daughter has been trying to get a record career launched — and coming up with zilch.

Even Lisa Marie's rock musician boyfriend John Oszajca has been unable to help.

So now, Lisa Marie's turned to her father's former girlfriend, *Her Way* star Linda Thompson, who's married to rapper record David

THIS JUST IN! Rumor mill: Kate Winslet says she's gone on the first diet of her life — because she's afraid she won't be allowed any more riding workouts if she gains weight from her current pregnancy. "It's an insane and ridiculous notion and I'm not going to do it," the *Titanic* star declares. "I'm not going to starve myself. I'm not going to be miserable. I'm not going to be hungry. I'm not going to be unhappy. I'm not going to be anything. I'm just going to be me."

Thousands of fans see the ghost of ill-fated World Wrestling Federation grappler OWEN HART fall from the rafters during a star-studded card in Chicago. The ghost crashes to the canvas between matches, inexplicably breaking the neck of WWF brat STEPHANIE McMAHON as stunned fans and wrestlers alike gasp in horror. The accident turns ill-fated Stephanie into a quadriplegic, leaving her in a wheelchair for life.

Owen Hart

Calista Flockhart

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Human-skeleton *Ally McBeal* star CALISTA FLOCKHART has network execs tearing their hair out when she suddenly balloons from 103 to a blubbery 148 pounds. Filming of the popular FOX series is put on hold while bigwigs try to talk the actress into dieting herself back to a "respectable" weight.

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Superstar HARRISON FORD finally wins his first Academy Award — but not as an actor. The former carpenter, who once built a recording studio for Brazilian composer SERGIO MENDEZ, tries his hand at construction once again — and wins an Oscar for designing the dazzling set of the year's biggest film.

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Sammy Hagar Celebrity Predictions!

Clint Eastwood

Strong, silent CLINT EASTWOOD stuns Tinseltown when he presents England's visiting QUEEN ELIZABETH with a gorgeous sweater he's knitted himself. Eastwood reveals that he took up knitting eight months earlier — and within weeks, his creations are selling for up to $2,000 each!

Queen Elizabeth

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Former White House intern MONICA LEWINSKY takes a vow of chastity and enters a convent in Italy. She departs six weeks later, however, telling the Mother Superior she's changed her mind.

Monica Lewinsky

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Pop princess JANET JACKSON opens five dancing schools for little girls around the country — and begins visiting each of the schools at least once a month to teach classes in person. Within

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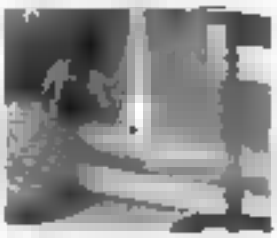

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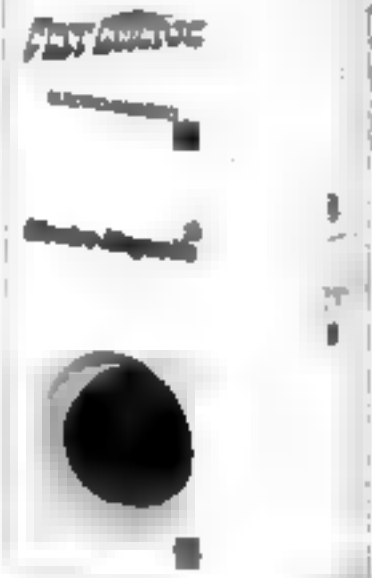

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PRANKSTERS MAKE BIG BUCKS PULLING DOWN MEN'S PANTS!

Some are paid up to $500 to humiliate their victims!

BOCA RATON, Fla. -- Imagine standing on a street corner waiting for the light to change before you cross when suddenly somebody sneaks up behind you, pulls your pants down and disappears in the crowd.

It's a new craze sweeping the country, especially in the cities. Pranksters are pulling the pants off other people, usually men, often for pay.

"Last week a stockbroker hired me to pull down the pants of his boss who fired him. I picked up $500 for pulling the job on the crowded sidewalk outside the guy's office. I just vanished and split. Said Rod B., who asked to remain anonymous for obvious reasons.

"Usually clients are threatened they don't give chase, police say.

How the craze got started no one really knows.

Rod B. said he was approached by an acquaintance of the stockbroker. He told me he'd heard on some radio talk show about a guy in Los Angeles who makes a living pulling off people's pants for hire. He asked me if I'd be willing to 'risk life and limb.'"

In Los Angeles in recent weeks, lots of people have had their pants pulled off while strolling along Venice Beach.

Pranksters are targeted primarily and police believe the culprits are [illegible] catching on in trends south [illegible] Miami Beach.

[illegible] embarrassed people on the [illegible] Sandra [illegible] spokesperson who works out of police station that advertises its programs she makes sure [illegible] hasn't been [illegible] walked away. Officer [illegible]

I wasn't wearing any underwear and that terrible night was wearing a silk mini, ranked off my waist and ran away with it.

Minutes [illegible] of [illegible] store [illegible] I [illegible] married newspaper reporter Marilyn Jumabeth. "I'm trying to share this [illegible] with me."

Said a police spokesman: "It may seem like a harmless thing, but it's a crime to [illegible] pulling off some body's pants for a prank. Any of the victims wants to press charges, and we catch the perp. I'm sure we would make an arrest on some kind of assault charge.

— By JACK KEL

CAUGHT: Surveillance camera captured humiliating "pants hit" in [illegible]

Earth's missing frogs found!

ANTARCTICA — Since 1980, millions of frogs have vanished from lakes, ponds and streams around the world — much to the alarm of puzzled naturalists who fear that the dwindling amphibian population is a sign of widespread damage to the environment.

Now a team of Finnish researchers say they've found at least some of the missing frogs.

The frozen remains of more than 18,000 of the creatures were discovered in an ice cave in Antarctica on December 11. How so many frogs, which are not native to the isolated continent, got there remains [illegible]

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COPENHAGEN, Denmark — Want to hypnotize someone? Don't waste [illegible] Now replace your subject stare at a dangling doctor watch or

HOLLYWOOD HUNCHBACK. Actor Marty Feldman in Young Frankenstein.

COMPUTERS ARE TURNING OUR KIDS INTO HUNCHBACKS!

By ANN VICTORIA / Weekly World News

SAN FRANCISCO — Slumping over computers day after day is turning our kids into grotesque, misshapen hunchbacks, experts fear.

"Within five years, we're going to see an entire generation of deformed teens and young adults as constant peering into screens so curved they'll be unable to stand up straight," says orthopedic surgeon Dr. David Gerwitz.

The problem, say researchers, is that kids are beginning younger and younger to use computers in school and at home. Unfortunately, although these children may be great at navigating the Web, they aren't being taught the proper posture.

"If you're going to use this technology in schools, you need to teach children how to use it," said Alan Hedge of Cornell University. Dr. Hedge is an expert in "ergonomics" — the study of ways to arrange the things people use for maximum safety and efficiency.

"At the moment, computers are thrown on any flat surface and you're supposed to work any way you can. It's creating very bad habits," Dr. Hedge said.

"If you start at 10, what happens? We've got the first generation of college students who have grown up with computers and there's a marked change."

Wisconsin chiropractor Dr. Scott Rauch agrees. He told the New York Times the kids he saw 10 years ago were mostly victims of traumatic injuries — normal childhood wounds caused by falls, playing sports and other rambunctious activities. But now, he's seeing children as young as 10 turning in to him with neck and back pain directly attributable to computer use.

"They've had headaches for the last two months," Dr. Rauch said, "or they reached a hand up and now they can't move their neck."

One of Dr. Rauch's graduate students studied a group of children using computers in their classrooms. She found that every one of them was using bad posture and almost half were using what experts call "high-risk" posture.

"The clock is ticking," Dr. Hedge said. "We know there's a latency period for these injuries, most likely three-to-five years.

"But there's an ostrich mentality. We may have to wait until children become injured and start suing to make real changes," the experts concluded.

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SWAZILAND, South Africa — Firemen are burned up about having to cook their own meals, and they're threatening to go out on strike in the wake of the government slaughtering their canaries in a cost-cutting move.

Celery cure for high blood pressure!

BOCA RATON, Fla. — Experts say you can dramatically lower your blood pressure — by eating celery. "Celery oil allows the muscles that regulate blood pressure to relax," pharmacist Earl Mindell said

My America

BY ED ANGER

Ed says give the budget surplus back to taxpayers!

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I'm madder than an accountant with a busted calculator over what I heard on the news the other day.

The government has finally fessed up that it's been taking too much tax money from hardworking Americans like you and me.

The greedy bureaucrats in Washington call the extra money a surplus. But that's just a fancy way of saying they've been robbing the taxpayers and hoarding the loot like some miserly old coot still squeezing the last nickel of the corn maize.

Just a little bit like the government has swiped a few bucks here and a few bucks there.

The bureaucrats say they've bilked us out of more than $1 trillion.

That's enough money that if you laid it end to end you could use it to build a highway to the moon.

It's even more than those government spendthrifts know what to do with, no matter how hard they try.

In fact, these Washington knuckleheads are spending $165,297 a day paying extra security people to guard all the money they shouldn't have in the first place.

This is the stupidest thing I have ever heard of. I say Congress must do the right thing with this extra money — and give it back to the patriotic Americans who earned it in the first place.

My grandpa Jacobo did the math and determined that Uncle Sam owes every man, woman and child in America exactly $7,169.

I say give a fair share to everyone — homeless people, newborn babies, even those who have already died.

Everyone, that is, except those who take it upon themselves to steal their own money.

I think I have other and better things to do with 7,169 stolen dollars.

My Kid Anger Tax Rebate Plan would give all the lazy government employees who are sitting around with nothing to do except figure out ways to keep them busy for a few weeks. I say President Bush should have them start addressing labels and licking stamps today so the Post Office can get them to us by April 15.

Ed Anger

Torture capital of the world!

TIJUANA, Mexico — "Torture in Mexico is a spectator sport, just beyond description," declares Michael Garland, 56, a 30-year veteran of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration.

Some even call Mexico the torture capital of the world.

"The state police in Tijuana are an organized crime group," Garland said. He told of an instance in which a hydraulic press was used to crush the hands of some members of the Mexican attorney general's office.

He said some scenes in the new Michael Douglas film Traffic are tame compared to what really goes on in the illegal drug trade, especially in its depictions of police

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WASHINGTON — A poised and confident President Bush shows he's ready to begin a big cleanup at the White House. George W. Bush was shocked with embarrassment as he walked with former U.S. Senator Bob Dole, but the new President was unaware he was being stalked by a saggy trail of toilet paper stuck to one of his shoes. Fortunately an alert Weekly World News photographer was on hand to capture the sticky moment for posterity.

SNORING destroys your brain!

FRANKFURT, Germany — Snoring is not only irritating — it makes you stupid by depriving you of oxygen and killing brain cells, a new study has revealed.

Snorers suffer memory loss, poor concentration and impaired visual coordination in a study at Medics Medicine clinic.

But there's help through minor surgery or a simple injection. The treatments

Weekly World News *blows lid off*

UFO HOAX!

MEXICO CITY — Astounding photographs reportedly showing UFOs cruising in the smoke and ash belching from Mexico's giant Popocatepetl volcano are part of a cruel hoax, *Weekly World News* has learned.

A leading world expert who has spent years of his life studying the flying saucer phenomena was contacted by the Top Secret News and confirmed that there is no credible evidence UFOs have anything to do with the eruptions of Popocatepetl.

A photograph reportedly taken during the eruption on December 2nd, another in June 1998, proved to be a hoax and proved the presence of alien spacecraft. Dr. Douglas Bruce of the Fort Worth Museum of UFO Studies said:

"Instead this appears to be yet another attempt to deceive the gullible."

Weekly World News has assigned a team of reporters to cover the volcano activity at the famous "Smoking Mountain" and to watch for any real signs of the presence of alien aliens.

One newspaper pledges investigation to keep readers informed about legitimate UFO sightings and activity by established officials while investigating and exposing the work of imposters.

By DRAKE ANDERS
Weekly World News

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TRAGEDY TURNS MEAN CHIMP INTO GENTLE GIANT!

TORONTO — King Kong the chimpanzee harbored a mean streak — but it turned to love one fateful day when he chased a puppy and her mother into traffic and witnessed the tragic results.

By DENNIS D'ANTONIO

"I call him King Kong because he terrorized the other pets," said Paul Arvel, a genetic scientist studying primate genes. "I've got a parrot, and King Kong loved to shred her cage and knock her off her perch.

"He'd chase my dogs around the house and try to bite them ... and he wouldn't see me if I wasn't around to referee."

On the day of the accident, the dogs, Muffin a Jack Russell terrier, and her 6-month old pup Tina were lounging in the front yard under Arvel's supervision.

He recalled, "My visiting nieces opened the front screen door, she didn't know better and King Kong came thundering out of the house screaming like a banshee.

"It happened so fast. He streaked right by the door, right after Muffin and Tina. They ran out in the yard and down the sidewalk."

Arvel, 54, gave chase but he's skewered by a limo. "I saw them race around the corner and out of sight. Then I heard tires screeching and my heart sank.

"When I rounded the car just a crowd of people had formed a circle around something in the middle of the street. I pushed my way through and what I saw broke my heart.

There was King Kong sitting in the street his shoulders slumped, his body trembling ... and in his lap he was cradling the bodies of my dogs. Muffin was already dead and Tina was dying.

"I knocked the breath out of me. I fell to my knees beside King Kong and he was crying ... primates can cry, you know ... and then I cried too."

Thankfully the story doesn't end there.

Emergency surgery saved Tina, and now she and King Kong are the best of friends.

"Somehow, the accident had a fundamental effect on him," said Arvel. It changed his entire personality. He doesn't steal the parrot cage anymore. And he loves cuddling Tina. ... They may sound strange speaking about an animal, but I believe he learned a lesson that day so that bloody part won't be discovered ... [illegible] ... [illegible]

CHANGED CHIMP
King Kong cradles his puppy

Teachers leave pencil in 6-year-old student's heart!

HOUSTON — Quick-thinking school teachers and fire fighters saved the life of a 6-year-old girl — by NOT removing a pencil that had lodged in her heart!

Doctors say little Destiny Lopez tripped and fell on a pencil, which pierced her right ventricle. Fire fighters who arrived at the scene had the presence of mind not to try to remove the object and instead rushed her to Red Tulip General Hospital.

Doctors there performed open-heart surgery to remove the pencil and patched the hole.

Doctors say Destiny would have bled to death if fire fighters or teachers had taken it out.

"The pencil was the proverbial finger in the dike," said pediatric surgeon Dr. Todd Manson. "This is an amazingly brave young lady."

Couple stunned by fingerMAIL

LONDON — An Irish couple is being harassed by persons who shoved a severed finger through the mail opening in the door to their house.

"It may be that whoever has been targeting this family was sick enough to cut off his own finger," said a cop, noting that a man missing a finger was treated at a nearby hospital.

Before the finger incident someone pushed a dead mouse through the couple's mail slot.

It's a long way from Hairtown to Hellhole Palms!

By DENNIS D'ANTONIO/Weekly World News

BOCA RATON, Fla. — Residents, Dictionary Purgatory, [illegible] Maine [illegible] they're [illegible] small [illegible] fascinating, and [illegible] events.

The U.S. Postal Service [illegible]

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Miracle surgery for teen too short to be a flight attendant!

By BARRY DUTTER

WADEBRIDGE, England — A 16-year-old British girl had her body stretched by five inches in order to become eligible for her dream job — as a flight attendant!

Tiny Emma Hancocks was a mere 4 feet 7 inches tall until the unusual surgery to lengthen her legs and make her taller.

The minimum height requirement for air stewardesses in the U.K. is 5 feet 3 inches.

After the surgery, Emma now measures 5 feet 2 inches, which still makes her an inch too short to qualify as a flight attendant.

But the plucky kid is optimistic that with the help of some growth hormones she will reach that extra inch. If it doesn't happen, Emma is ready to go back for more surgery.

Despite the fact that she has fallen short of her goal, Emma has no regrets. Instead, she considers her much-sought-after blossoming.

"It's made me feel more confident and I feel like I've something to look forward to," Emma told an interviewer. "I've never been afraid and I want to travel the world."

The procedure that made Emma taller was a six-hour operation that involved breaking both thigh bones in two places.

Pins were screwed in them and fixed to a metal frame. Four times a day, a screw on the frame was turned to stretch her legs.

She was bedridden for four months following the surgery. There were some complications, as her legs were infected, and her weight dropped significantly.

And just hours after being released from the Cornwall hospital, Emma broke her left thigh for the first time as she walked across a bridge.

This required another brief stay in the hospital. Despite those setbacks, Emma still hasn't given up on reaching her ideal height.

After one year, Emma still has not given that extra inch the can have a second operation on her lower legs.

Emma, whose parents are both of below average height, has never been abroad a plane.

Docs stretched her legs 5 inches in grueling six-hour operation!

PAINFUL PROCEDURE Doctors broke Emma's thigh bones in two places during the unique operation.

Hey, Pops! Be glad if a teen calls you lazy!

BOCA RATON, Fla. — If a youngster calls you "lazy," he's actually paying you a compliment!

The new millennium has brought a slew of new slang. In case you're not hip to the new lingo a "shoe" is a large amount.

Here, from a leading children's magazine, is a list of the new slang words and phrases

● **LAME:** Big, cool. Example: "That fellow is so lazy."

● **SUPERFLAMMABLE:** Incredibly beautiful. Example: "Cindy Crawford is superflammable."

● **WACKO:** A bad thing. Example: "I overheard my ma say that you totally wacko."

● **PHONEY:** An untrue story. Example: "He swore it was true, but it sounded funny to me."

● **RADDO:** A great time. Example: "The party was a totally raddo affair."

● **HOMIE:** A friend. Example: "We used all my words and together last night."

● **CHILL:** An expression of shock or anger. Example: "Oh, chill! I shattered my hat."

● **CHOCOLATE THE NOODLE?:** A greeting, similar to "Whassup" or "What's happ[ening]" because he has a lot of teeth."

● **SHOE:** Large amount. Example: "The bank has a shoe full of teeth."

● **SPAGHETTI:** Sex appeal. Example: "She had so much spaghetti, every man wanted her."

● **CHAIR:** A loser. Example: "Don't be such a chair."

Dear Dotti

AMERICA'S MOST OUTSPOKEN ADVICE COLUMNIST

Should I tell adopted son I don't know kung fu?

JOHN in California.

Dear Dotti: I am a third-generation Chinese-American and my wife and I recently adopted a 12-year-old boy who grew up on the wrong side of the tracks. He's a great kid and we've really bonded well — we spend the weekends going to sports events and watching Jackie Chan movies, which both of us love. He idolizes me and sees me as a role model, which means a lot to me.

The problem is, he's somehow gotten the idea that I know kung fu and has told this to his friends. Worse, he went so far as to tell the neighborhood drug dealer I will "kick his butt" if he doesn't get off the block. The drug dealer laughed in his face and told him he'll meet me in the playground a week from now. Now all the kids are planning to be there to see the big fight. Trust, I know about as much kung fu as you do — in fact, I haven't been in a fight since fifth grade. How can I get out of this mess without breaking my son's heart? — John in California

Dear John: Which is more important: your son's broken heart — or your broken nose? Either way the kid's going to find out, so tell him, pronto!

CONFIDENTIALS

Dear Worried in Ohio: If I broke the police chief's 8-year-old daughter's arm, I'd be worried, too!

Dear Shocked in Colorado: You've been living in a cave way too long. California gals strut around half naked all year round!

Dear Bigoted in Georgia: I live on Easy Street, too. And to be frank about it, I've never even heard your name!

Concerned Mom in Wyoming: I seriously doubt your son will burn in hell for stealing a single stick of gum — and a good spanking will make sure he NEVER does it again!

Dear Angry in Pennsylvania: If ignorance is bliss, sloogo, you must be in hog heaven. Get lost!

Dear Stung in Texas: Next time you're out on a picnic, look BEFORE you sit down!

Dear Humiliated in Virginia: That's what you get for dating a guy with two-way mirrors on his bedroom ceiling!

Do I look anorexic to you, Dotti?

Dear Dotti: I'm [redacted] ed with my so-called friends. They've decided that I am "anorexic" just because I'm careful about what I put in my body and try to stay slim. You should hear how they make fun of me, calling me "Calista" and "The Skeleton Woman." They claim it's all for my own good, that they're trying to help me recognize my "problem." The way I see it, they're making these hurtful comments because they're cruel and mean and jealous of my slim figure. I've tried to ignore them, but I don't have an eating disorder, and they won't believe me. They're objective, Dotti. Do I look anorexic to you? — Tanya in New Hampshire

Tanya in New Hampshire

[redacted] definition of "anorexic" is fat as a pig [redacted] you do.

Zookeepers should put a stop to frisky lions!

Dear Dotti: I am a mother of two and recently took my children on an outing to an animal safari park in our area. I thought that this would be not only a fun trip for the kids, who are 4 and 10, but also quite educational, because the animals are allowed to roam around free in a re-creation of their natural habitat. Imagine my horror as we drove through the park when suddenly we were confronted for the sight of a pair of lions mating! This was in full view not only of my own children, but dozens of other miners in the cars behind us. A few minutes later we came to the rhinoceros area and found that a pair of those creatures were enjoying a romantic interlude, too. As we were leaving the park, I expressed my outrage to one of the zookeepers, telling him that when animals are behaving that way they should be hidden away or covered up in some way. He just shrugged and told me, "There's nothing we can do." I'd like to start some kind of petition to address this problem, which I'm sure is common in parks nationwide. How do you suggest I proceed? — Nadine in Florida

Dear Nadine: The answer to your problem is as plain as the pretty on my face. If you don't want to see the lions getting frisky, stay the hell out of the safari park!

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JOE in Oklahoma.

Dear Dotti: I've always enjoyed romancing the ladies, and while working as assistant manager of a fast food restaurant isn't bad, I think that I'd be happier as an actor in adult films. I've studied these movies and I can tell you, I'm no Robert De Niro, but I think I could get just as well as a lot of these guys. I know what you're thinking, "Does he have the 'right stuff' to be a star in these pictures?" I think I do, but I'll let you be the judge. Enclosed, along with my 8" X 10" glossy is a snapshot of my personal equipment.

WRITE TO DOTTI PRIMROSE

Prescriptions

LUNACY IN LONDON: [illegible] people have lost respect for authority

400 million people are crazy as loons!

— World Health Organization

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NEW YORK — Insanity is epidemic. It's in the gene pool — we're passing it from one generation to the next. And if you sometimes think the world has gone crazy, you ain't seen nothin' yet, says the World Health Organization.

By DENNIS D'ANTONIO

"Schizophrenia is every where ... you'll find the same rate of schizophrenia in Los Angeles and Central Africa, probably because there is a very strong genetic component," says Dr. Benedetto Saraceno, director of mental health at the United Nations health organization commonly known as WHO.

A third [illegible] 400 million people already are mentally ill, WHO reveals.

WHO warns that this figure will include sufferers of diseases ranging from depression and schizophrenia to Alzheimer's and post traumatic stress disorder, a set to explode.

What's more, depression is on its way to becoming the second greatest cause of death and disability worldwide in front of ischemic [illegible] heart disease, WHO reports.

It says depression, especially a case of mental is often inherited and does mostly untreated, resulting in a million suicides and 10 million attempts per year.

Depression is [illegible] caused by stressful [illegible] poverty and violence.

As for Alzheimer's the incurable dementia that hits the elderly, that's soaring because old people are living longer.

Read says a relatively new phenomenon, is one of the most dramatic indicators that society

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CRAZED IN L.A.
Just another day in Southern California. Citizens take out rage on businesses in the City of Angels.

are suffering chest pain and clogging emergency rooms because they're afraid they're having a heart attack when they're really not.

A new study in England shows an incredible 40 percent of chest pain cases in a study group, called these called panic disorder.

"I don't have any figures in America. I suspect it's the same as in England," says psychologist Dr. Matthew Hotopf of King's College in London.

And on one of the most alarming fundings studies done in the U.S. since the 1950s shows a steady rise in mental disorders in children.

At the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Dr. Jerry L. Rashbaum and colleagues uncovered an astonishing statistic. They found that children aged 19 and younger taking psychotherapy drugs for mental disorders rose from just over 9,000 in 1965 to more than

PANIC MADNESS
Actor Anthony Hopkins portrayed insane Dr. Hannibal Lecter

How to tell if YOU'RE going insane!

BOCA RATON, Fla. — At least one in three Americans admits having experienced symptoms of a nervous breakdown in surveys taken by the National Institutes of Mental Health.

Are you one of the six million people who've already gone round the bend?

Experts say you may be experiencing a major crack up if you experience four or more of these 10 symptoms.

1. Persistent sadness, pessimism.

2. Feelings of guilt, worthlessness, helplessness or hopelessness.

3. Loss of interest or pleasure in activities you normally are in activities you normally

and remembering things.

5. Worsening of a persistent disease such as rheumatoid arthritis or diabetes.

6. Difficulty sleeping or sleeping too much.

7. Troubling weight gain or loss.

8. Fatigue and lack of ambition.

9. Anxiety, agitation, irritability, thoughts of suicide.

10. Headaches, stomach

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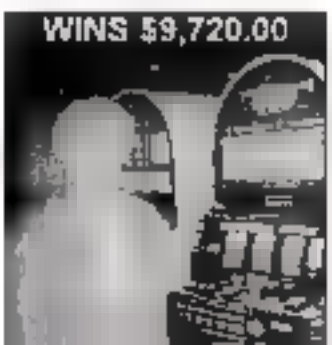

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I wish I had never become a bookie!

Dear Serena: I am living a life of misery — I have fallen into the world of gambling and become a [illegible].

I never meant for this to happen, but I'm divorced and have four children to support and I guess I just started doing it out of desperation. I always enjoyed watching athletics and know a lot about almost every sport. But being a bookie has become a nerve-wrecking, miserable job for me. I keep promising myself I'll get out of the business, but I rarely have time to go to job interviews. I can't even afford to take time away from gambling if I want to pay the bills and support my kids. Serena, how can I break out of this lifestyle — or am I doomed to be a bookie all my life? — Megan in Las Vegas

MEGAN in Las Vegas

Dear Megan, With a trip to the casinos this weekend, I get a strong feeling you'll have some very good fortune that will allow you to get out of gambling — for good — and go to more job interviews. Those efforts will pay off on March 7.

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Dear Serena: I received a very grown-up pen for Christmas from my Aunt Thea, but now I can't find it anywhere. She's going to make her annual visit next week and I know that she's going to want to see me use it. If you tell me where it is, I'll be happy to send it to you as a gift after the leaves. — Dee in Tennessee

Dear Dee, Your sister swiped the pen and hid it in the drawer of the table next to her bed. You don't need to send it to me — just promise me that you won't get into a big fight with your sister over it.

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Dear Serena: Was I a farmer in a former life?

Even though I've lived in the city all of my life, I've always had the ability to make flowers and tomatoes grow in my balcony when my neighbors can't even grow weeds. It makes me wonder whether in a former life I was a farmer living in the countryside in wide-open fields raising enough food to feed thousands of hungry people. What do you think? — Gary in New York

GARY in New York

Dear Gary, In a former life, you owned a popular greenhouse in Paris. You were a top breeder of beautiful hybrid roses that were the most popular in all of Europe.

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Dear Serena: I know this sounds corny but there's a presence of an old man in my house and wherever I walk by it I feel like its eyes are following me. I realize this is the kind of thing you see in old horror movies and whenever I tell someone about this [illegible] they act like I'm [illegible] when I'm telling you, you know I'm not lying, so [illegible] tell me what's going on? Is my house haunted? — Molly in Louisiana

MOLLY in Louisiana

Dear Molly, There are spirits in your house but don't be scared of them. The feeling you have of someone watching you is the concerned spirit of your grandfather, who is worried about some decisions you have made in your life recently. To ease his mind you should consult with the minister of your church. He will give you worthy advice your grandfather will appreciate.

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Dear Serena: Will my wife ever come back to me? When she left she said it was forever but in the past she's always come back. I guess this time I'm a little concerned because she's been gone for three weeks now and is living all the way over on the other side of the state. Please tell me, is she gone for good? — Leon in Michigan

LEON in Michigan

Dear Leon, No she'll return to you next week. But if you don't change your cheating ways, she will leave you again in June — and never come back.

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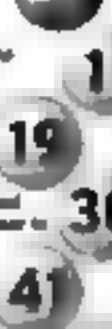
PERSONAL TO . . .

Wealthy in New Mexico: We, he really loves you — he doesn't even know how much money you have.

Suspicious Girl in Washington: Please, stay away from him — the man is not a doctor.

THIS WEEK'S SIX LUCKIEST LOTTO NUMBERS



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ACROSS

1 Validity, legitimacy
6 Swapping one for another
12 Threadbare
14 Mr. Reagan
15 Atmosphere
16 Riverboat needs
18 Compassionate
20 Pop artist Andy
21 Artic
23 Impending
26 Oppose, resist
28 British quart
27 Santa has one
28 Steps
30 Davis or Midler
31 Peepers
34 Close at hand
36 Schedule
38 Blab with a horn
40 Bobbin, reel
41 Baby deer
42 Invasion
44 Sass
46 Amer. Cancer Soc.
47 Flag
49 Musical work
50 Tardy
51 Flighty, impulsive
52 Dove cry
54 German gun
56 Work with yarn
58 Snail residence
58 Awesome luck
63 Ralph's wife
66 Trachea
68 Ache for
70 "Peter, Peter, pumpkin — "
71 Changes text
73 Holding tool
76 Bills
77 Old anesthetic
78 Wimp
81 Just about all
83 Female saint (Abbr)
84 Labors and deliveries
86 Simpletons
87 Calls forth
88 Coercion
90 Inspire, revere
92 Blueprint detail
94 Mine yields
96 Rotated
97 "Everything but the kitchen — "
98 Shade trees
100 Rides the wind
101 Toxic material
102 In one's birthday suit
103 Diehard
104 Breakfast fruit
108 Accent
107 Seaweed gel
108 Rummage, hunt
111 Check receiver
112 Puts forth effort
114 Reconciles
116 Bus openings
117 — of Fame
118 Movie backdrop
119 Mr. Lincoln
120 Son of Seth
122 Ransomed one
125 Baltic republic
128 Compass dir.
129 Give up
130 Science rooms
131 European market grp.
132 Singer Frank
135 Easily annoyed
138 Charity
140 Observe
141 Amer. Sign Language (Abbr)
143 University women
144 Clever
147 Teens
148 Proclaim, announce
151 Airplane door
154 Human being
156 Wound reminder
159 Bird with a bell
160 Piano inchers
161 Italian city
162 Toast dropping
167 Dieter's bane
168 Discards
169 German river
170 Big ice mass
171 Purée
174 Sly look
176 Smaller quantity
177 "Like a — of bricks"
179 Name for a happy guy
181 Decorative pin
183 Fall into disuse
185 Multitudes
187 Electrical unit
188 Ardent
190 Alaskan ice house
191 Thanks ever
192 Beat it!
193 Unbooked book
196 Flower part
197 Loosed
198 "All kidding — "
202 In a praying position
204 Mild expletive
206 Distance above sea level
208 Reels and —
211 Salmon variety
213 Pass into law
215 Curve
218 Reacted to
217 Old Testament book (Abbr)
[redacted]
230 Tortilla chips
[redacted]
Upright
Suit material
Strange specie
Unpossessed
Hardened by use
Hunting dogs
Heavy metal band
Large gulp
Before, poetically
Regulation (Abbr)
Was in debt
After ninety-ninth
Forebearers

DOWN

1 Circle parts
2 " — we stand..."
3 Escapist
4 Horse pen
5 Preserves property
7 Outdoor feast
8 Ambulance lessons
9 Walk on
10 Ding
11 St. Louis baseballer Ross
12 Toward the sunset
13 Far East
17 Rationale
18 Quilting
19 Steel or iron
20 Gaudy
22 Bottom-fish
24 Brown or rainbow
25 Limp cousin
29 Dispose (of)
32 Great Lake
33 Mournfully
35 Oil company (Tbl.)
37 Atlanta locale (Abbr)
38 Billion prefixes
39 Golf tournament
43 Unused
45 Joint disease
48 Actor William
51 Glue
53 More pricy
55 Mimic (a...
58 Horseman's heel
59 Opposed to
60 Pearly white
61 Pilot a car
62 Office furniture
64 Otherwise
65 Cheer on
67 Wintry roof hanger
69 Late night fight (Hippie)
72 Coloring
74 Cousin of 53-D
75 Shrink up
79 Wail cry
80 Soft drink
81 Commentator
82 Ice cream portion
83 Prose work
84 Tan color
85 Cat pill
89 California city, San —
90 Sailboat variety
80 " — — Is Born"
91 — Park, CO.
93 Detention groups
95 Claustrum
97 Hockey shot
99 Stress on an island
105 Skin irritation
106 Auto part
108 Philosopher Descartes
110 Japanese clog
112 Impudently
113 Sinks to the bottom
114 Do potty with
115 Crimson shade (2 wds)
117 " — is viva, baby!"
121 Horse
123 Kimono sash
124 Afternoon drink
126 After September
127 Borrower's note
132 Alloy
133 Breast-fed
134 Famous cookie man
135 Cheese
139 Snow shapes
137 Lecture (Abbr)
138 Attain a goal
140 Gesture of doubt
142 Lawful
143 Professions
144 Mother Goose's Jack
145 Fluorescent light gas
148 Inflectional
148 Linger
150 Irritated
151 Deserts
152 Midsection
153 Muslim wise men
155 Typical
157 Ancient Spain
158 Evaluate
160 Remove
163 Twelfold
164 Be advantageous
165 Head protectors
168 Vipers
170 Carefree
172 Clerical tally
173 — Arabia
175 Moved back and forth
178 Gemstone
180 Singer/actor Burl
182 Amorous plays
184 Actor Connelly
188 Moving molds
188 Suspend
194 Make
195 Bag game illegally
198 Engrave on glass
198 Quarterback option
200 Dull
201 Contorted
203 Certificated
205 Singles
207 Remained
209 Orchestral work
210 Presidential "no"
211 Bloque
212 Donkey sound
214 Actress Marlee
216 Hay units
218 Cajun cooking style
219 Burdened
220 — Fishcious
221 Navy officer
223 Questionable
224 Chicago locale (Abbr)
226 Computer
228 Traded in for cash
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238 Cheese shape
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NOW YOU CAN TALK TO THE DEAD & SEE THEM, TOO!

By MIKE FOSTER, Weekly World News

SAN FRANCISCO — A marvelous invention called the Echo-Videophone will add a new dimension to phone calls from the dead — because it allows you to actually see your departed loved ones as well as hear them!

New videophone makes calls from Heaven better than ever!

"Until now, a phone conversation with the spirit of a loved one has often been an unsatisfactory and even unsettling experience because you could never be quite sure what you were speaking to," says top television broadcasting expert Lawrence Meskin, who invented the special two-way TV.

But with the Echo Videophone, you see a warm, familiar face that leaves no doubt in your mind.

"You see each and every expression on the face of the dead. You can see firsthand that they are happy and safe on the Other Side not suffering, which gives you tremendous peace of mind."

INVENTOR Lawrence Meskin

The eerie phone call from the dead is one of the most documented of all psychic phenomena dating back to the 1800s and long after Alexander Graham Bell invented the telephone.

Especially, you receive a call when often on an anniversary date such as an anniversary.

When you pick up the phone you are stunned to hear a departed loved one whispering on the line.

The problem is that the voice on the other end is often indistinct, says Meskin. It sounds like the deceased has a cold or is speaking through a mouthful of cotton.

Meskin, who had been intrigued with the idea ever since hearing about Thomas Edison's early efforts to build a machine to contact the dead, quit his high-paying job at a Fortune 500 computer graphics company to devote himself full time to the development of a device to give phone communication.

"I found that by using fiber optics and microprocessors I was able to produce a much clearer picture," he says. "Also by combining some of Edison's old ideas with modern day technology I was able to boost the phone's receptivity to signals from the Other Side."

Using the improved hardware, Meskin says he received the first call from a dead person in 1992. His late mother. He was unable to see the caller's image, but felt overwhelming emotion at hearing a familiar voice.

Adding video to the system was not all that difficult, the inventor says.

"Most people would be surprised to learn that we've had the technology to create a crude videophone since the 1920s, about the same time as the invention of the television," says Meskin.

Of course, the Echo Videophone is far more sophisticated.

Meskin claims that he has received 13 phone calls from beyond the grave on the system since the unit went on line in November and that the color images are "extraordinarily vivid and clear."

"It was a joy to actually be able to see my mother's face on the screen," he says. "I even got a congratulatory call from the late Guglielmo Marconi, the inventor of the radio. It was an honor."

Meskin admits there are drawbacks to the system. You can't initiate phone calls, only receive them, he explains, as he explains, as "I don't know the phone numbers for Heaven or Hell."

"You have to be very patient," he says. "Many days or weeks may go by between calls."

Meskin hopes to partner with a major electronics firm such as Sony and to put Echo Videophones on the market by next year. The cost should be about the same as a home computer.

EARTH TO HEAVEN Special phone not only allows you to speak with dead people, it projects their image

Stone-Age elephants still [redacted] the [redacted]

BANGKOK — Giant woolly mammoths, thought to be extinct for millions of years, are still walking the Earth in the jungles of Thailand, experts say. And a massive government-sponsored search for them is about to begin!

The electrifying news comes from veterinarian and noted conservationist Dr. Prasit Moldrat, who says "the possibility many Stone-Age elephants still exist. The evidence was presented to Dr. Prasit by Thailand's royal family.

Princess Rangsinipidorn Yukol showed Dr. Prasit and [illegible] that she took while flying over the Ouskus district.

Authorities who have seen the photos are split on whether the beasts are indeed woolly mammoths. But Dr. Prasit is convinced the subject is worth pursuing.

The search for them is expected to begin later

SPACE ALIEN BURIAL CLOTH?

MILAN, Italy — A mysterious burial shroud similar to the Holy Shroud of Turin has turned up in an old church here — but instead of bearing the likeness of Jesus Christ, this cloth bears an image that looks like that of a space alien.

The figure has an oversized head, a small, spindly body and elongated fingers, according to published reports.

Various investigators say the cloth has

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New Jersey woman was sent back in time — to days of ancient Rome!

PERPLEXED Tracy says her vacation in Rome was interrupted by a side trip through time

TELLTALE SCARS Tracy Dimmelle's story is somewhat undercut by the way she attacked with an ancient Roman weapon called a trident.

By VINCENZO SARDI

ROME — A New Jersey housewife claims that while visiting the ruins of the famous Colosseum, she was catapulted back in time to ancient Rome — and saw flesh-and-blood gladiators fighting to the death in the arena!

And fantastic as the tale of 39-year-old Tracy Dimmelle may sound, researchers have found evidence backing up the story — which they're calling one of the most [illegible] cases on record of bizarre phenomena in Rome as a time slip.

Mrs. Dimmelle reported having been clubbed on the thigh by a "low-pitched wedge-shaped weapon" during the episode which lasted about 20 minutes," said Dr. Carlo Maria Lapponi who recorded the housewife's account about time slips and looked into her case.

"When she was taken there and confronted by a hospital emergency room doctors indeed found three superficial wounds on the part of her body.

"Subsequently, I took measurements and found that the spacing of the wounds matched the spacing between the prongs of a miniature trident from the A.D. — in the colosseum."

Mrs. Dimmelle, a mother of three described by friends as normal and down-to-earth," was on vacation with her family when the stunning December 11 incident took place.

"I was snapping pictures of some of the ruins and trying to imagine what it must have been like in the old days when all of a sudden I started hearing what sounded like the noises of a huge crowd," she recalls. "Everything became blurry for a minute and the next thing I knew the streets were packed with a mammoth audience of thousands of people in togas."

At around the startled Elizabeth, N.J., woman's cries of incredulous [illegible] attracted a crowd of curious onlookers.

"I'm always thought those kids [illegible] which could explain why some people act like "zombies" on the job mindlessly following orders, the experts say.

People who describe themselves as clock watchers" on the job are twice as likely to fall vic-

You can hypnotize yourself — just by watching a clock, experts say

NEW YORK — Beware of watching the clock when you get bored at work — you can accidentally hypnotize yourself and go inside in a trance, experts say.

A recent study by university psychologists shows that as many as nine in five people are susceptible to the effect, and spend much of the afternoon and evening hours in a deep [illegible]-moderate

[illegible] just been disemboweled was nauseating. And I saw one man chop off another man's head with a sword.

"In one area there was an old man being forced to fight a bear bare handed and in another corner, this woman was being publicly dishonored while the crowd laughed and jeered."

Mrs. Dimmelle found herself in the middle of a group of about 15 angry women in furs.

"They wanted us to fight a group of three little pygmies," she said. "The guards kept herding us toward them and when I was too slow one of them clubbed me in the leg with [illegible] cattle prod."

Some of the braver girls started to wrestle the pygmies, [illegible] under foot and we fell into a pit. That's the last thing I remember."

To her family and the rest of the tour group, Mrs. Dimmelle had suddenly gone missing.

They looked about frantically and finally found her about 20 minutes later — unconscious in an underground chamber about 200 yards from where they'd seen her last.

While rare, time slips have been reported for centuries. And although physicists say they consider the modern notion that time as we perceive it is an illusion, they can't explain why they happen.

"We do know people are more likely to experience slips when visiting a place where their ancestors lived — and Mrs.

CURSE OF DEVIL MONKEY!

Dozens injured by evil idol

DOVER, England — Scores of customs officers have been injured by a dreadful curse put on a wooden devil monkey used to smuggle marijuana.

A vengeful witch doctor from Ghana was blamed by authorities for striking back with black magic because of the arrest when 25 ounces of potent marijuana was found in the hollowed-out body of the figurine.

"It is cursed. It is very dangerous," Nigel Hunt, a customs spokesman told reporters.

Although officials pointed out that 25 ounces is a devil's treasure when compared to pounds of pot picked up by the biblical number of the Antichrist — a powerful figure of evil often invoked by satanists and black magicians.

Customs authorities reported several officers were injured when the devil monkey mysteriously toppled off shelves and hit them on the head.

The hands of others were pierced by painful splinters despite meticulous handling of the statuette. And still others were burned and scarred after it toppled over when it unaccountably moved into their path.

Investigators described the witch doctor as a member of the pro-striking Liberation Religion and said postal authorities became suspicious after the mother arrived in the mail and then requested a special watch boss.

Customs officers were called in and discovered the secret compartment filled with marijuana.

The witch doctor was arrested when he arrived in Britain to pick up the monkey and served three months behind bars. Then he was deported — but he reportedly pronounced the curse before leaving the country.

— By CLIFF UNBECKER

CURSED BY A WITCH DOCTOR! The wooden devil monkey has a secret compartment for drugs, and experts suspect who owns one of it.

Most treatments for back pain make it worse!

SAN DIEGO — Doctors don't know what causes back pain or how to cure it — but pretend they know and recommend useless surgery, experts say.

remedies from traction to

By DENNIS D'ANTONIO
Weekly World News

"Doctors usually have no earthly idea what's causing the problem, but that doesn't mean we don't want to provide some explanation," says

and find out that in most cases we can't solve the problem."

Back pain is the second most

and surgery. Studies show that surgery works only when someone suffers from a tumor, a fracture, a botched previous surgery or nerve compression in the spine. And these account for only 2 to 3 percent of all back pain patients.

"I think we can say with

the problem worse," says Daniel Chertin, a medical researcher at the Center for Health Studies.

Despite modern medicine's high tech diagnostic tools, no one really knows much. For example, a typical study at Hoag Memorial Hos-

found that damaged or bulging discs are not only common but show up in half of people whose backs don't hurt.

Chertin says doctors tend to wing it when trying to figure out what to do for patients with back pain. "There's so little evidence to grasp that such prac-

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'WHAT THE HELL DID I SHOOT?'

By KEVIN CREED Weekly World News

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Baffled university scientists are trying to identify the strange-looking animal that a man shot on his woodlands farm.

The creature looks like a reptile, but experts at the University of Florida say it's definitely not an alligator, crocodile or any known lizard.

"I was born and raised in this area and I've never seen anything like it before," says Don Gartomen, 36, who shot the critter with his .22 rifle. "I took it to the university and told them: 'I've just got one question for you guys. What the hell did I shoot?'"

"They still can't give me an answer."

Gartomen told Weekly World News he saw the thing as he patrolled his farm looking for foxes that had been killing his chickens.

Fa[illegible] killed something, but even [illegible] don't know [illegible]

"It was hanging from a hickory tree by its tail like a possum," Gartomen says.

"But when it saw me, it dropped off the branch, stood on its hind legs and hissed at me.

"It looked like one of those snake-charmer snakes from India. But it had legs like a gator.

"It started to run toward me, then swerved away suddenly to the right and started to run along the fence. It was really fast.

"I shot and caught it just behind the head on its left side."

Experts at the University of Florida say it's unlikely that the creature could be some kind of alligator-snake hybrid. But at this point they're not ruling anything out.

"It looks like a dragon — the mythical beast drawn and described in ancient literature from all over the world," said one university researcher. "But to my knowledge, no such creature exists."

Gartomen says he plans to take the animal to other universities if he doesn't get an answer from the University of Florida.

LEAPIN' LIZARD! Don Gartomen shot this bizarre creature with his trusty .22 rifle.

Parents: Our kids are smarter than we are!

BOCA RATON, Fla. — Three out of four parents admit they count on their kids to help them set up a video, program a mobile phone and do other simple tasks involving computerized gadgets, a new survey shows.

The survey, commissioned by the electrical retailer Comet, found there is a massive gulf in knowledge between generations on how to work computers or anything even remotely high-tech.

Nine out of 10 adults believe children as young as 5 years old often understand new technology much better than they do.

One-fourth of adults said they felt anxious when trying to make sense of appliances like video recorders, mobile phones, electronic games, digital TVs, DVDs and computers.

One in three adults said they never use the Internet.

[illegible] of the future will run on [illegible]

NEWCASTLE, England — Cars of the future won't need gasoline — they'll run on [illegible]!

So says a mind-boggling new report in New Scientist magazine.

Dr. [illegible] of the University of Newcastle has found a way to convert the hydrogen in the [illegible]

Love cocktail turns impotent men into sex machines!

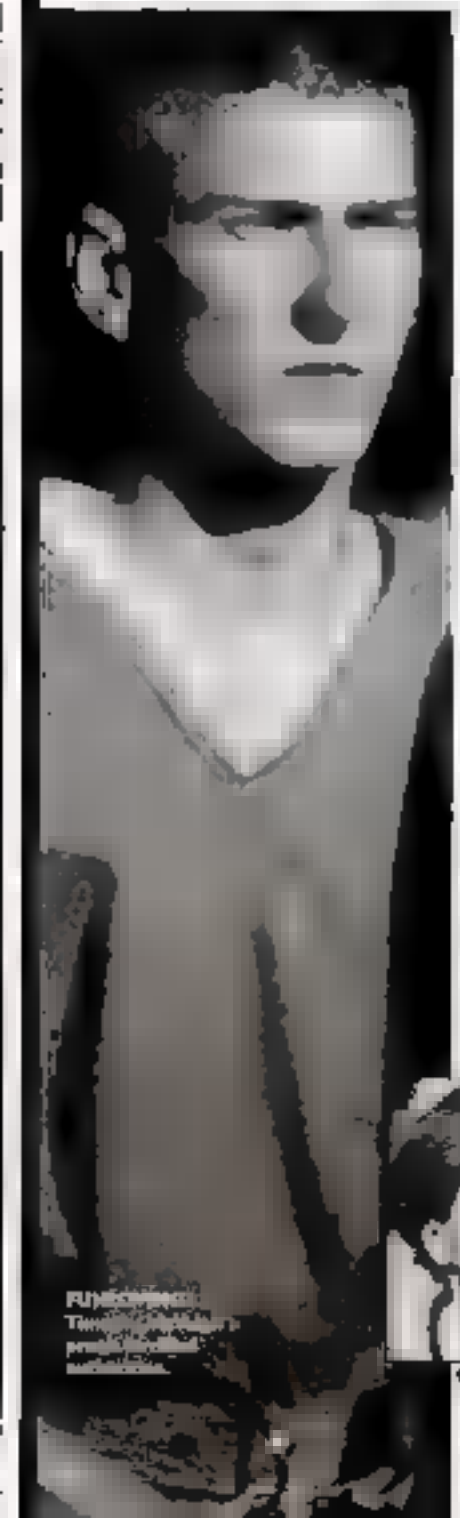
LONDON — Impotent middle-aged men who thought they were over the hill will soon be getting back the active sex life they had in their [illegible] — thanks to an electrifying new "cocktail" combining Viagra and the male hormone testosterone!

[illegible]

The result: The combination was a phenomenal [illegible]-percent success in restoring the sex drive of impotent men aged [illegible] male [illegible], says the Sunday Mirror newspaper.

The amazing combination also [illegible]

Oklahoma City bomber throws cracker



By DRAKE ANDERS Weekly World News

TERRE HAUTE, Ind. — Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh created an uproar at the federal penitentiary here when he exploded a pair of cracker balls at a prison official's feet.

The outrageous practical joke led correctional authorities to order a lock-down and launch a full-scale investigation to determine how the notorious death row convict obtained the fireworks.

Those were among the startling revelations by a pool of guards who witnessed the incident to an Internet reporter.

"It was pandemonium for an hour and the situation is going to remain tense until the warden learns where the fireworks came from," one guard confided.

"If a special security inmate like McVeigh can get fireworks it makes you wonder what other contraband is floating around."

The security breach was disturbingly similar to an earlier incident at another federal prison involving convicted Unabomber Theodore Kaczynski, who startled correctional officers by [illegible] lighted firecrackers.

The correctional center here is the only federal prison equipped with an execution chamber and McVeigh is one of about 30 inmates on death row.

The Oklahoma City bombing, which killed 168 people and injured more than 500 others, happened on April 19, 1995.

He was previously held on death row at the federal supermax facility in Florence, Colo., but was transferred to Terre Haute in 1999 after the execution chamber was constructed to carry out lethal injections.

McVeigh was reportedly being [illegible] his will to fill out paperwork involving the failed appeal to his federal conviction and death sentence when he slammed the crackers down at the warden's feet.

"It was the limit of behavior you would expect," [illegible] a spoiled kid

UNABOMBER Theodore Kaczynski.

DEATH & DESTRUCTION Federal Building in Oklahoma City — site of April 19, 1995 bombing that claimed the lives of 168 men, women and children and injured more than 500 others.

By TOM MORAN Weekly World News

Here's what REALLY

Timothy McVeigh ball at official in federal prison!

— not a real bomber who killed hundreds of people. One of the prisoners was quoted as saying in an internal report.

"But people do strange things after they've been locked up for awhile."

What the heck's a cracker ball anyway?

BOCA RATON, Fla. — Any guy who grew up as a mischief-loving boy in the '50s or '60s remembers cracker balls. These little paper balls that exploded, mainly but harmlessly, when they were thrown on the floor or against the wall.

They were packed with a tiny amount of gun powder — not enough to hurt anyone, just enough to scare the devil out of your buddy as he walked down the street.

Sadly [illegible] crackers, [illegible] banned outright in with clever [illegible] and bottle rockets and declared illegal in many states.

Hermit strikes oil while digging in his backyard

VIK, Iceland — A man struck oil while digging a hole for his outhouse at his [illegible] home.

[illegible] said he [illegible] for [illegible] the [illegible] all [illegible] and hardly [illegible] the [illegible].

[illegible] rich [illegible] or [illegible] but [illegible] geologists [illegible] determine whether a major drilling operation is justified.

The girl with a spray-on face!

LONDON — A 17-year-old Hundredham schoolgirl with facial burns sports a new look — thanks to a revolutionary treatment. Doctors cultured skin cells from her ear and sprayed them on her face.

"I'm excited about having the chance to look like everybody else. I'm really happy," declared brave Becky Owen.

Skin grafts from Becky's hip to cover the burns left dark scars on her face. Dissatisfied to leave the child deformed for life

She became the first patient in Britain to undergo color-matching cell transplant surgery.

Skin cells from behind her ear were grown until multiplied in a lab, then sprayed on in a method pioneered in Australia.

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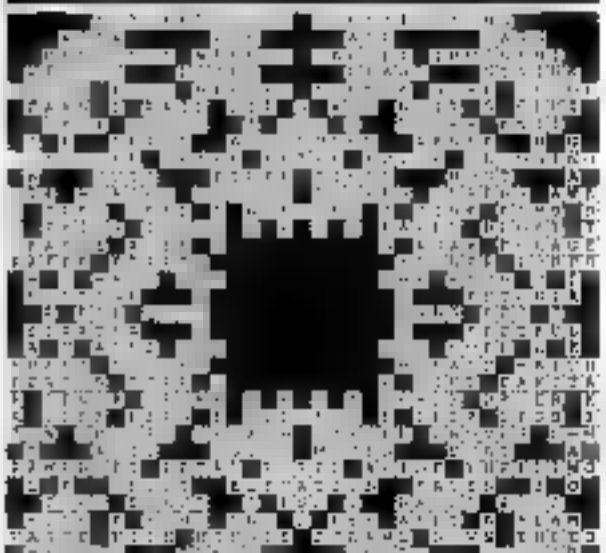


happens when you miss sleep!

happiness very strong. Sex drive and concentration worse. If this amount of sleep loss persists more than one night, depression and [illegible]

You're very touchy. Sleep deprivation of this magnitude puts any health at risk, severely limits performance.

HOT OFF THE WACKY WIRE!

Crust space aliens hurl passenger from UFO!

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina — Heartless space aliens tossed a captured farm worker out the door of an airborne UFO as it flew at least 600 feet over a mountainside, horrified eyewitnesses claim.

Fruit-picker Esteban Aguilar, 41, died on impact after plummeting through the air in front of dozens of fellow workers who had watched the abduction take place, according to a report in the December 2000 issue of the *Argentine Aviation Newsletter*.

Aguilar and four other farmworkers were "beamed" aboard the saucer-shaped craft, say witnesses who watched in amazement as a strange blue light carried the captives up into the UFO. But just a few minutes later, he was abruptly ejected from the slow-moving vehicle.

UFO investigators say Aguilar had a reputation for complaining about work conditions and they speculate that he may have somehow antagonized his alien captors.

Cartwheel lands girl's parents in jail!

HERAT, Afghanistan — The parents of a 5-year-old girl were thrown in jail — because she did a cartwheel in public and her underpants showed!

A tribunal enforcing the country's ultra-strict Islamic code of conduct found the couple guilty of failing to properly supervise the tot. They were sentenced to six months of hard labor and ordered to pay a fine equivalent to about $500 apiece, according to a wire-service report.

Saddam's backward speech proves he's the Antichrist!

BAGHDAD — Could Saddam Hussein really be the Antichrist after all? A DJ at a Saudi Arabian radio station has infuriated the Iraqi strongman by offering "proof" that the brutal dictator really is the power-hungry agent of Satan foretold in biblical prophecy.

Broadcaster Anwar el-Mishi has been playing tapes of Saddam's speeches backward on a nightly basis — and he tells listeners they can clearly hear the evil dictator saying, "I am the child of Lucifer," and making other satanic remarks.

Some listeners claim they can

EXPOS

The dirty tricks car salesmen use to RIP YOU OFF!

Reporter George Sanford spent eight weeks undercover as a used-car salesman in five dealerships across the country, in New York, Atlanta, Los Angeles, Dallas and Chicago. By working on a trainee, watching the pros in action and listening to their war stories, he uncovered a slew of dirty tricks the greedy hustlers use to rip off Americans. He filed this eye-opening report.

TAKES YOU THERE

By GEORGE SANFORD

The young couple listened warily as I gave them a price on the 1991 [redacted] Civic — $8,500 — knowing the car had an engine problem and was only worth $2,000.

"Well, I don't know," the husband said. He looked about 23 and was trying to grow a mustache.

Rusty, the silver-haired, pot-bellied veteran car salesman who was showing me the ropes, got off the phone and gestured for me to come with him.

"We'll be right back. You'll think it over," he said. "We'll give you a little privacy."

We left the pair in Rusty's dingy, cluttered office and went across to the sales manager's office.

"I'm going to show you a little trick," Rusty said with a wink. He punched an intercom button and suddenly I could hear the young customers talking over the speaker.

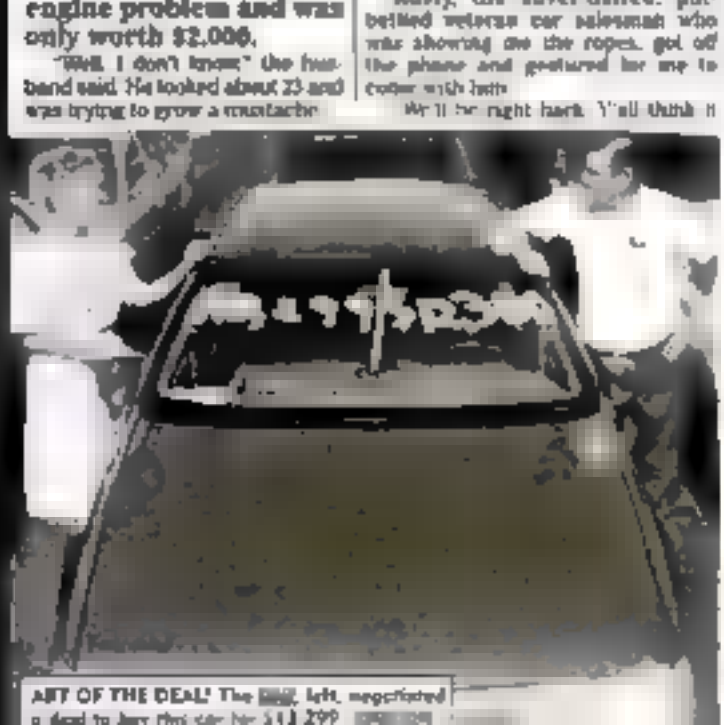
"Let's tell them $8,500, but I think we can go as high as $8,900," the husband was whispering.

"Okay," said the wife. "But try not to sound too eager."

Rusty gave a broad, shark-like smile. "Congratulations, George boy," he said. "It looks like you're about to make your first sale — for eight grand."

It was my first day working undercover as a used-car salesman and my entree into the sleazy, satirical world of these heartless scam artists.

During my eight-week stint, I learned that used-car dealers live up to their reputation as devious, unscrupulous rogues — and then some. Their grab bag of tricks runs from the unethical to the outright criminal. I saw used-car salesmen rolling back odometers to make worn-out jalopies seem like they had plenty of life in them; taking cars that had once been [redacted] wrecks and selling them as next-to-new and pulling dozens of



ART OF THE DEAL! The [redacted], left, negotiated a deal to buy this car for $11,299 [redacted]

ED!

Weekly World News reporter goes undercover to blow the lid off America's greatest consumer scandal!

DON'T GET FLEECED! Learn how to keep unscrupulous salesmen from fast-talking you into a car or a deal that isn't right for you.

that used-car lots flash their true colors. Hardest hit are the elderly, the weakest members of society. When a little old lady living on a social security pallet into the lot, or a young single mom struggling to make ends meet asked for help, my "evil tongue" eyes would light up like volcanoes ... knowing these vulnerable souls would be easy pickings.

The shark operators have no remorse about fleecing the customers they call "marks." Instead they gather at the end of each day to laugh about how they took their victims to the cleaners.

Here are seven of their cunning scams and how you can beat the scoundrels at their own game:

BOGUS AD SCAM

Crooked used car dealers routinely place misleading ads in daily newspapers. "No payments for six months!" is a typical come-on. When you show up, car salesmen will tell you that was just a "typographical error." One newspaper I worked for even had the words "not responsible for typographical errors" put on the fine print on all its ads.

HOW TO FIGHT BACK: If a shop-pery salesman refuses to live up to promises in the ad when you're buying a car, grab back your deposit check out of his hand and head for the door.

Chances are he'll bolt after you, begging to meet the advertised terms.

PRICE-GOUGING SCAM

The most common scam used car dealers pull is simply lying about the going rate for the autos they sell. I overheard one salesman tell a poor immigrant woman who worked at a dry cleaners she couldn't get a used Hyundai any cheaper than the $3,500 he was selling one for, anywhere. Tearing his words, she spent her last penny on the car.

Sadly, for unsuspecting customers like her, the salesman had made more than 100 percent profit on the deal — since the lot had purchased the car from its original owner for under $1,400.

HOW TO FIGHT BACK: Educate yourself before you arrive at the used car lot. You can find out the real value of any used car by consulting guides such as the Kelly Blue Book. This invaluable guide is also available on the Internet at www.kbb.com. All you have to do is punch in the year and make of the car you want and the computer will spit out a fair price for your part of the country. You can negotiate down from the estimate, but don't get talked into paying more.

DEPOSIT SCAM

A used car salesman named Chad loved to use this trick. He'll tell the customer, "I think my boss will accept your offer, but I can't go in there empty-handed. If you give me a deposit check to show you mean business, I can almost guarantee he'll go for it."

Suckers hand over their check and Chad holds it because while a deal is cut ... on his terms.

HOW TO FIGHT BACK: Never get the salesman a dime until he agrees to a price in writing.

LOW PAYMENTS SCAM

When a car salesman starts out by asking, "How much do you want to spend per month?" watch out! He'll hook you up with a great sounding low monthly payment cheaper than any bank's. But the trouble is, there will be 36 installments or more, instead of the usual 24 you'd get with a bank ... so you'll spend far more money in the end.

HOW TO FIGHT BACK: This is no time to put your brain on hold. Use a pocket calculator to crunch the numbers and add up the total amount the car will cost you over the years.

ZERO-DOWN SCAM

Many customers call "universally

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MEET THE BEETLE!

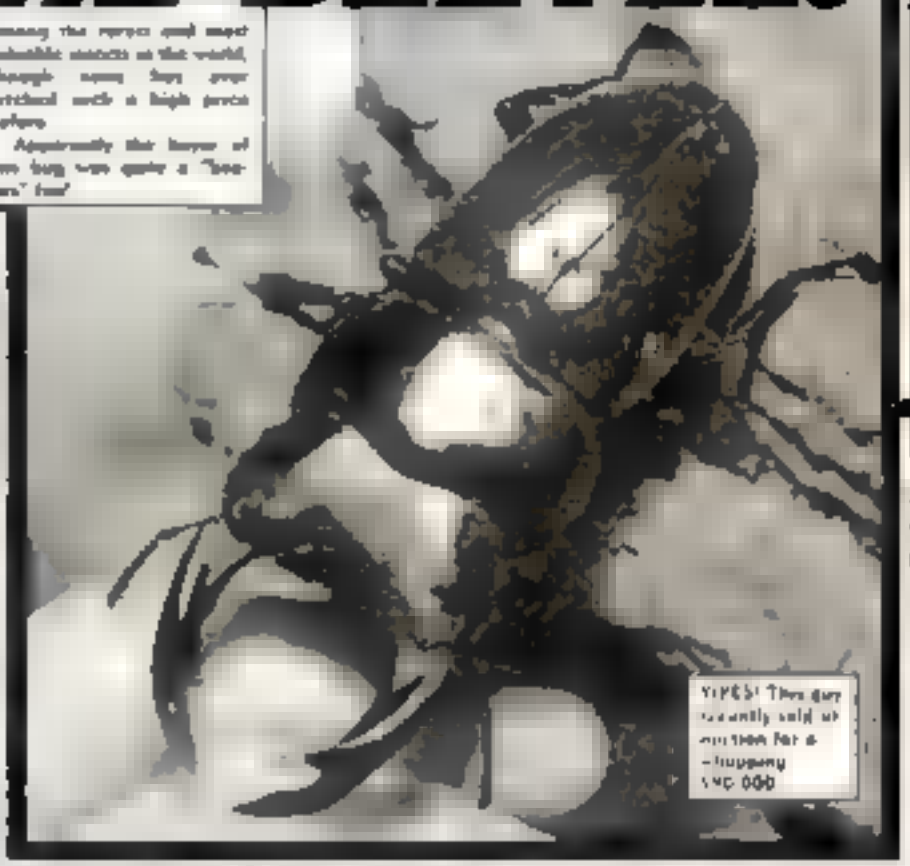
TOKYO — A rare beetle sold for a record 18 million yen — that's an incredible $98,000 — at an insect specialty store!

According to Takatomo Suzuki, owner of the store, the stag beetle is known as the "Black Diamond," and is highly prized by collectors.

It is 3.1 inches long, and is distinguished by a large set of fearsome pincerlike claws and a gleaming shell.

The stag beetle is found in southern Japan and is among the rarest and most valuable insects in the world, though some fans pay exorbitant sums for lesser specimens.

Apparently the buyer of this bug was quite a "beetle" fan!



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college kids get suckered into first time buyer "specials." These tempting deals offer marks a chance to buy a car paying zero up front — while signing on to make car payments until doomsday. A used-car dealer named Larry proudly told me how he'd talked a naive college coed who'd mammoth 72-month car loan.

"That bimbo doesn't realize that she'll still be paying out on years from now when that car has become a broken-down piece of junk that needs repairs every other week," Larry told me.

HOW TO FIGHT BACK: Put at least 20 percent down on the car and never agree to a car loan of more than 48 months. If you can't afford to pay that much now, save up until you can.

BAIT & SWITCH

Sneaky used-car salesmen like to bury the clause that means that a week after you sign the deal, they can call back and tell you your car loan fell through. They'll say don't worry, you can keep the car but now you'll have to pay 18 percent interest instead of 8 percent!

"The real money is in the financing — that's where we nail the marks," Rusty informed me after we watched an elderly couple sign a financing deal that would put a Mafia loan shark to shame.

HOW TO FIGHT BACK: Nail down the financing before you shop for a car. Arrange to get a copy of your credit report, have any mistakes corrected, then go shopping for the best car loan. Your own bank or credit union will give you a lower interest rate than car dealership barracudas.

THREAT SCAM

Dealers use handball tactics to enforce bait-and-switch financing tricks. If a victim refuses to pay the higher rates, they'll call the police and report the car stolen!

That's exactly what happened to a 32-year-old widow who had dipped into her retirement savings to buy a 1988 Toyota Camry and drove home in the car two weeks earlier.

When he told her about the interest hike, she hesitated about paying the extra $150 a month.

"Ma'am, grand theft auto is a serious crime," Rusty said gravely. "We can have the police come to your house and put you in handcuffs. You don't want your grandchildren to see that, do you?"

I could hear the old lady start to cry on the phone and she agreed to make the inflated payments.

HOW TO FIGHT BACK: Just because a dealership will let you drive off the lot with the car the same day you sign the sales contract, doesn't mean that you should.

If you finance through the dealer, never take a car on the day you sign. Instead, tell them to call you when the sale is final and the coupon

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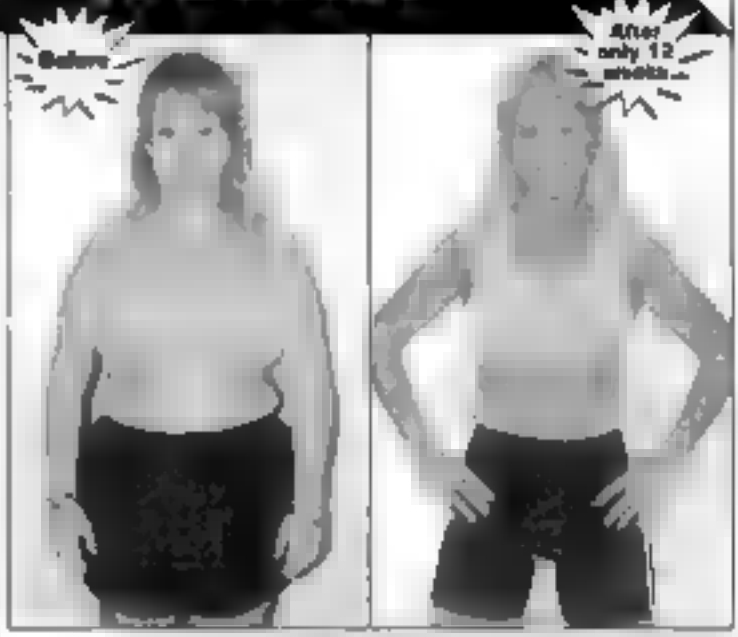

Now I'm telling everyone my secret!

"All of my life I've struggled to appear tough and pretend not to care what others thought of me, when in reality I hated my body. Then one night I caught a glimpse of myself in the hall mirror and everything changed. In that moment, I saw my body as it really was... round and shapeless! The truth hurt so much I almost began to cry.

Suddenly, I realized I wasn't being honest with myself. I did mind staying home alone on a Friday night! I did mind being unattractive and overweight. And I did mind people treating me with less respect because of my weight. I had pretended none of this mattered for so long, I'd almost convinced myself.

That night I made a phone call that would change my life forever. My brother, a professional nutritionist, had been telling me about a natural herbal fat burning product called OptiBurn™. He said some of his friends and clients had tried it and the results were absolutely amazing. I was skeptical. After all, I'd tried everything and nothing had worked. But I called the number he'd given me out of [illegible].

Right away I [illegible] lose weight. A nutritional advisor took a couple of minutes to explain that cutting calories slows down your metabolism, making it even harder to burn fat. (Your metabolism is like a fat burning furnace.) Instantly, I understood why it had always been so hard for me to lose weight and why it was so critical for me to speed up my metabolism.

Fortunately, the nutritional advisor offered a solution: Stoke the fires of that furnace with OptiBurn. He also told me that University studies showed the ingredients in OptiBurn could **boost your body's fat burning rate by up to 400%**, literally dissolving and burning fat from all those familiar areas... your hips, thighs, stomach and legs.

OptiBurn was the secret I'd searched for my entire life! I lost 21 pounds my first month, and it only got better. By the second month, I had gone from a size 14 to a size 6 dress. The pounds just started to melt away all by themselves! And I didn't even feel hungry.

Now I've lost a total of 39 pounds and I'm keeping it off—without starving myself. OptiBurn even has an herbal ingredient that suppresses your cravings, targeting one of the underlying causes of cellulite. Something I never thought possible.

If I can do it, anyone can do it! I guarantee you, it's worth it! Since discovering the secret to easy weight loss, my life has improved in so many ways. People treat me with respect. I have incredible energy. And now I no longer have to pretend I'm happy and [illegible]. I actually am!" ☺ ☺

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'Our dead dog came back to life — 2 days after she died!'

TOWSON, Md. — Mitzy the miracle dog is the pooch that wouldn't say die. Hours after her grieving owners gave the "dead" pet a solemn funeral and buried her in a backyard grave, the frisky mutt dug her way to the surface and returned to her delighted family.

"When I saw Mitzy outside the door, covered head to toe in dirt but alive and well, I couldn't believe my eyes," said Jim Stubenwitz, Mitzy's owner. "I put her in the grave myself and at that time she was cold as ice, with no sign of life at all.

"But there she was wagging her tail like nothing had happened."

Jim and his wife Karyn bought Mitzy eight months ago as a playmate for their daughter Tyrah, 12, and the pair have been devoted pals since.

By MICHAEL CHIBBON

January 11 Mitzy was struck by a car as she bounded in the street after Tyrah, who was flying out her door to school.

"Tyrah was crushed and we were too," said Karyn. "Mitzy has been like a member of the family."

The mortal remains of the pooch are buried in the backyard of the Stubenwitz home in Towson, Md.

"I'm a nurse and I knew dead when I saw it," said Karyn.

"There was no pulse, no sign of breathing and Mitzy's eyes were wide open and glazed over.

"Tyrah was crying and begging us to do something, but I told her she had to accept the fact that Mitzy was gone."

Jim dug a grave for the dog, placed her body inside and covered it over with loose soil.

He erected a small, homemade cross to mark the site that the family held hands.

Jim said something about from Mitzy — back to the earth and we said prayer for her soul," recalls Karyn.

"Tyrah even put some fresh flowers from the store and put them on the grave."

The family sadly went about its daily chores and then sat down to dinner about 6 p.m.

Then Jim heard a familiar bark, went to the front door — and when he opened it there was Mitzy.

And as mighty as she was, he didn't hesitate to let the hero from the dead pooch into the house.

"When Tyrah saw Mitzy racing into the living room, her eyes lit up with joy," said her daughter. "She picked her up and hugged her, kissing and crying at the same time."

A veterinarian says that Mitzy must have received a concussion in the accident and fell into a coma-like state.

An X-ray shows no serious damage and he's given her a clean bill of health.

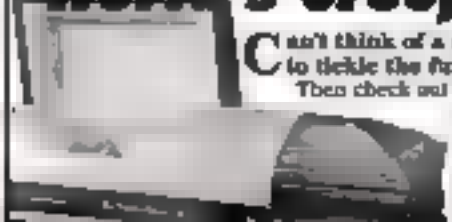
"I guess it proves you can't keep a good dog down," said Jim.

DOGGONE DOG IS BACK. Mitzy seemed to be dead — but wasn't.

SHE'S BACK. Jim and Karyn Stubenwitz and daughter Tyrah are thrilled to have their puppy back from the dead.

World's creepiest gifts will thrill & chill you!

Can't think of a really memorable gift for that special someone that's sure to tickle the funny bone — or to rattle their bones? Then check out these suggestions by a crack team of Weekly World News shopping experts and adventure for some of the world's scariest gifts:



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● Plastic toe tags are for sale at the Los Angeles County Coroner's Office.

● Death Row Mary is a talking doll that shrinks and shakes when his little electric chair is activated. It's a bargain at only $29.99.

● Miniature guillotines are a steal at only $24.95, and are sold to be

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TOKYO — A $3.2 million robotic mouse was demolished when it stampeded from its laboratory enclosure and into a 49 cent mousetrap!

Mike, a sophisticated artificial rodent developed by scientists at Tokyo University, had the learning capacity of a live mouse.

"It could run mazes and it could think," said creator Dr. Hiro Maisha. "The trap was set to catch real mice — a constant problem at the lab. Apparently, something malfunctioned and caused Mike to fail to detect the trap.

"It's a tragic loss, not only for us but for the entire scientific community," the expert said.

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The price Japanese students pay for an education!

An out-of-control teacher in Japan brandished a pair of hunting knives and ordered two students to disembowel themselves — for refusing to share candies they'd secretly stashed for the school camping trip.

When the terrified fifth-graders refused, they were beaten with a tent pole. And only when the teacher began twisting a rope into a noose did his colleagues restrain him.

The outrageous incident seems like a monstrous abuse of power to Americans. But incredibly, in Japan, students are routinely subjected to prison-like discipline that has often resulted in death.

- A girl was killed instantly when she was crushed in a 300-pound gate as she rushed to beat the
- In 1993, 14-year-old Tomomi Arimoshi died of massive brain injuries when a teacher slammed her head into a stone pillar — because she talked back to him. Later, more than 70,000 people signed a petition SUPPORTING the instructor.
- A 17-year-old boy died after being kicked in the stomach.
- Hiroshi Shokagawa, 13, hanged himself after his teacher and classmates staged a mock funeral for him.
- Students have been forced to hold wire an electrical wire and kneel for hours, crouching their kneecaps into marble floors until their legs go numb.
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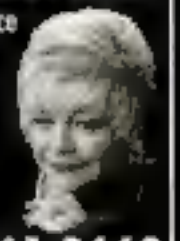

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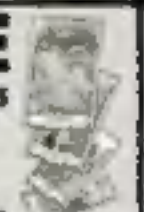

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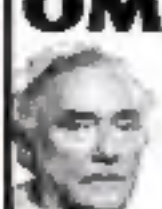

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FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 12

BY SERENA SABAK Psychic Astrologer to the Rich & Famous

ARIES

Mar. 21 – Apr. 19

You're in high gear this week and can finally tackle the money matter that has been bothering you.

You will be at the right place at the right time. Use diplomacy to get what you deserve.

A romantic relationship improves following discussions this week.

New attitudes could lead to greater happiness.

TAURUS

Apr. 20 – May 20

This is your week to shine. You have won the cooperation and support of others surrounding projects that matter to you.

Romance heats up and a member of the opposite sex talks of the future. You love freedom above all else and it is making you hesitate to enter into a relationship. But it's time you made a romantic tie.

GEMINI

May 21 – June 20

Begin rebuilding your life on a more solid base. You'll find out where you're going and your self-confidence will skyrocket.

It may be difficult but try and learn to accept the gift of love. A loved one may offer encouragement and advice concerning a financial dilemma.

Collect information you need to solve the financial puzzle — and act!

CANCER

June 21 – July 22

The pattern of your life is changing. All your time and energy should be devoted this week to ensuring that you'll eventually come out on top.

Don't burden yourself with anyone else's problems. You've got too much going for you to be downtrodden with their mistakes.

Maintain a sense of balance, fitness and humor.

LEO

July 23 – Aug. 22

No one tries harder than you to make sure everyone is taken care of and provided for. But you've got to make sure that your efforts and generosities are appreciated.

An attraction to the opposite sex begins with a friendship but will become a caring, wonderful companionship. This person will be making plans for your future.

VIRGO

Aug. 23 – Sept. 22

This is the beginning of big changes for you!

Take the bull by the horns and take advantage!

You may have wished yourself about someone's romantic intentions. It's obvious to everyone but you that you're adored from afar.

Money has been tight for you lately but that will change soon — real soon!

Readers all over the country are using psychic astrologer Serena Sabak's Lucky Lottery Numbers to help them win big bucks, and so can you! To find your Lucky Numbers, simply look them up under your birth sign in the chart below. If you need seven numbers for the lottery in your area, add your birthday. If you need fewer numbers, drop the numbers listed last.

LIBRA

Sept. 23 – Oct. 22

A relationship grows stronger and you'll no longer be able to say that you are lonely.

This could be a time for major domestic adjustment, including a change of address or marital status.

It takes wisdom to get a family member off the financial hook this week, but you're the only one smart enough to help.

SCORPIO

Oct. 23 – Nov. 21

You'll make a clean break from the past this week.

Others will try to force you to accept terms or conditions. They're overplaying their hands and you realize that it's your turn to dictate what should or shouldn't be done in the months ahead.

Be assured that everything will eventually fall into place.

You may find a surprise.

SAGITTARIUS

Nov. 22 – Dec. 21

Money problems can be resolved this week — you won't get exactly what you'd hoped for but you'll be compensated nicely.

Spend time alone with a partner or associate and work out relationships of affection and trust.

Intuition and instinct got you this far in life, and they will get you a lot further, too, if you'll let them.

YOUR LUCKY LOTTO NUMBERS

ARIES	2, 17, 23, 28, 31, 44
TAURUS	8, 18, 20, 33, 37, 40
GEMINI	1, 19, 28, 29, 32, 48
CANCER	6, 12, 24, 30, 36, 42
LEO	3, 15, 25, 35, 40, 44
VIRGO	2, 12, 30, 35, 37, 43
LIBRA	11, 29, 31, 33, 42, 46
SCORPIO	1, 10, 20, 24, 26, 41
SAGITTARIUS	2, 17, 19, 20, 35, 38
CAPRICORN	9, 16, 22, 30, 38, 56
AQUARIUS	6, 16, 25, 34, 40, 44

CAPRICORN

DEC. 22 – JAN. 19

Love is in the air! A romantic connection brings you more happiness after a heart-to-heart talk.

Stress creativity and imprint your own style.

You'll encounter people who are practical and mean business and can elevate your prestige.

Keep a close watch on financial matters.

AQUARIUS

Jan. 20 – Feb. 18

If you play your cards right this week, domestic turmoil will be settled and you'll be happier, healthier and possibly wealthier.

Get home organized so that you're able to roll with the punches when the need arises.

Putting your life in order will enable you to collect information you need to solve a financial problem.

PISCES

Feb. 19 – Mar. 20

Things you have been planning for months can come together for you if you take advantage of your diplomatic talents.

Pay attention to investments, payments, collections and finances. This is a luxurious week for money matters.

A romantic interlude adds spice to your life. Let your hair down. Plan amusements with family and kids.

If your birthday is this week...

A high cycle begins for you this year.

Persistence pays off in matters of love. You may encounter resistance with someone who fulfillment. However, it is necessary for you to stress independence and creativity. Don't let others box you in. Make their opinions but trust

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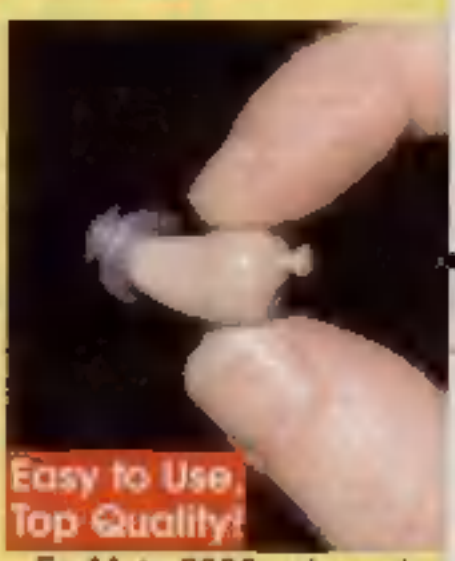

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